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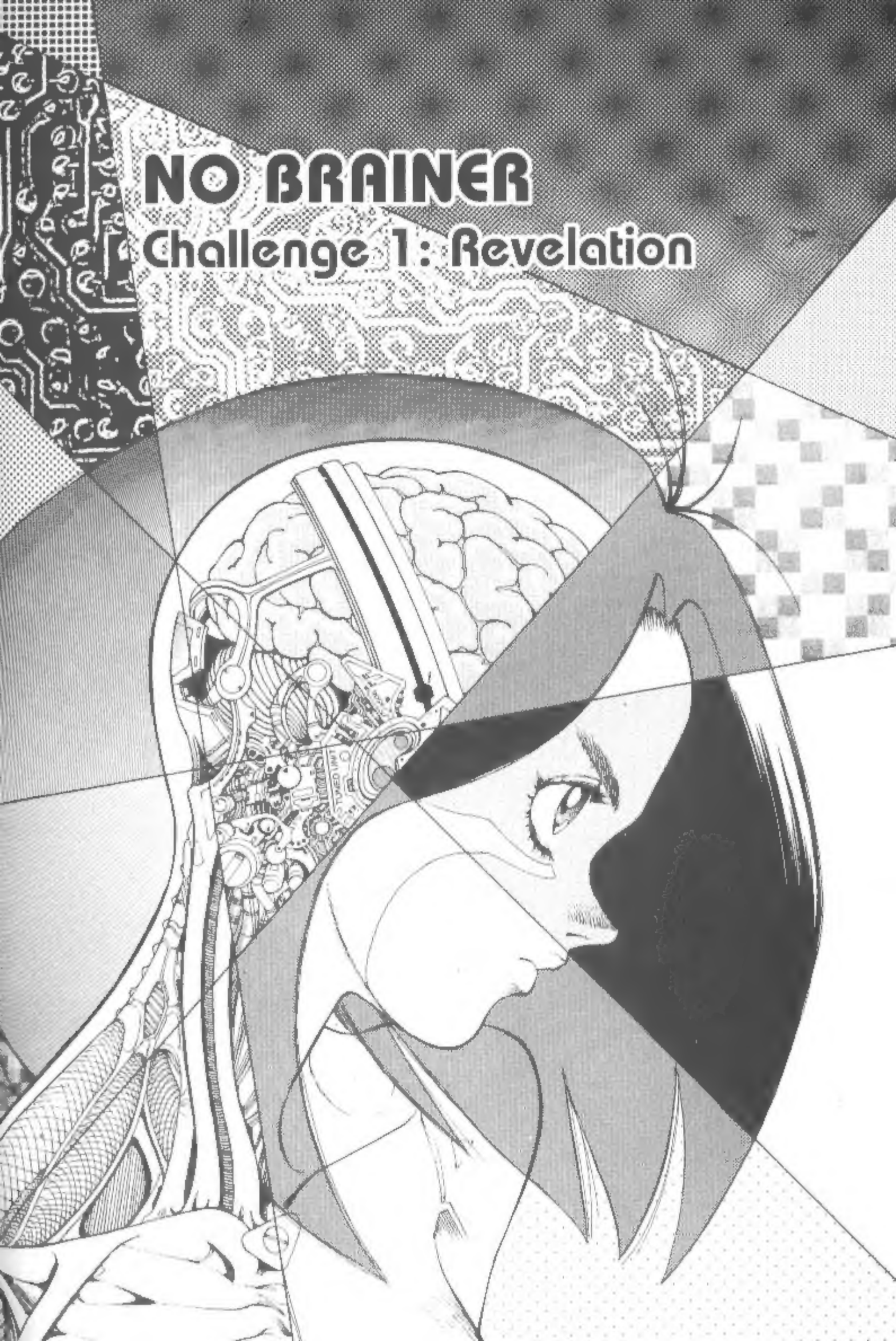

NO BRAINER
Challenge 1: Revelation

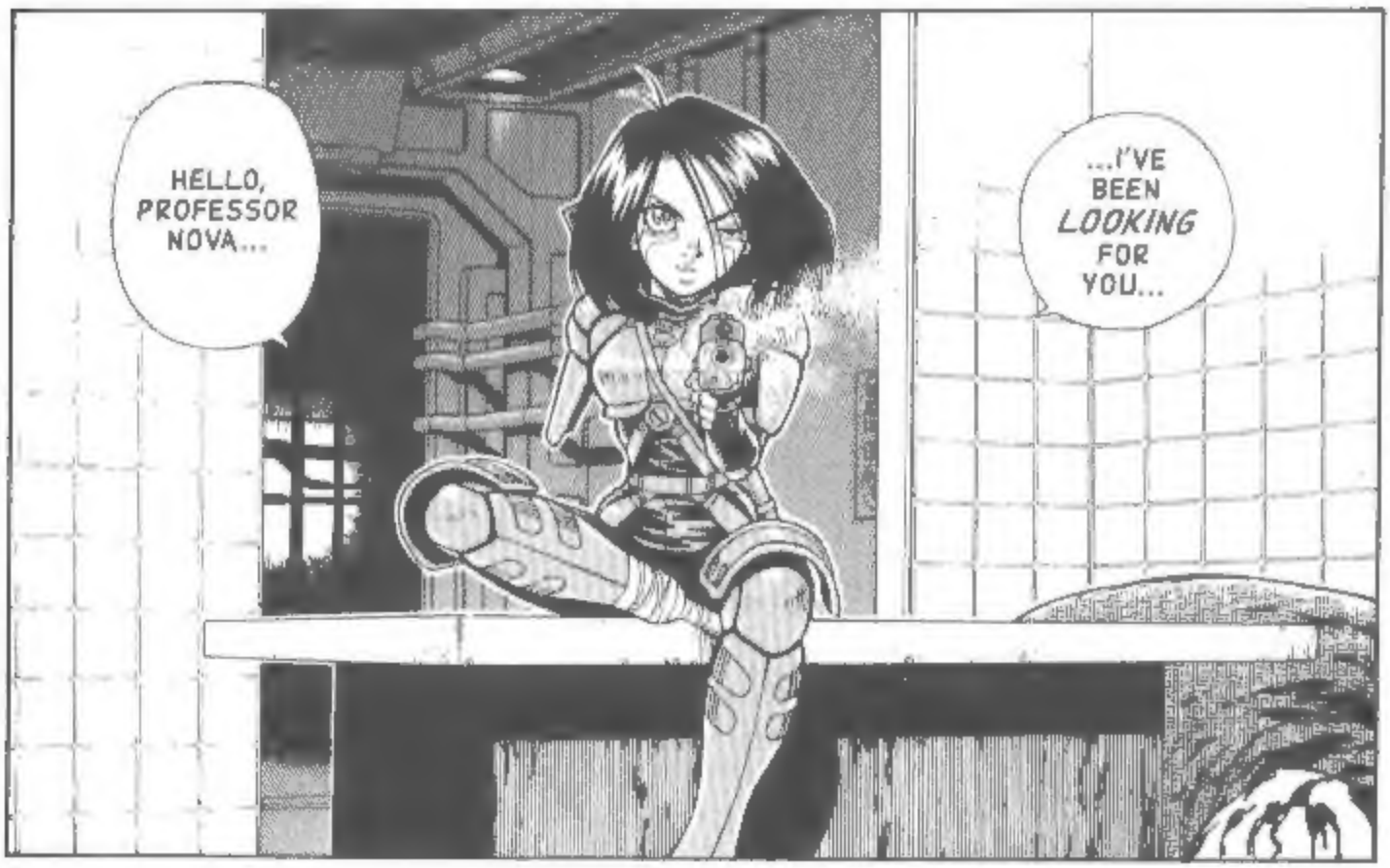
VUMMM
M-
MARVELOUS
!

GLAAAAA!
SWASH
TASH
SPLLSHHT
SKRONSH
GLAH!
FSSH

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
WAH!

YEEK!
SPLAM

FA
WHUD


HELLO, PROFESSOR NOVA...
...I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU...

STOP IT, A-1!

YOU ARE NOT TO HARM PROFESSOR NOVA!
TAKKA TAKKA
DAMN! THE SYSTEM IS STILL FROZEN!

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, ALITA!
HE ALREADY MADE A DEAL WITH MY FATHER! HE SOLD YOU OUT!

MY FATHER'S A DEMON, SOWING PAIN AND SUFFERING UPON THIS EARTH!
DON'T HESITATE--
JUST KILL HIM!

KAOS...
CHK

PAIN? SUFFERING? I GAVE THE WORTHLESS HUMANS OF THE SURFACE A PURPOSE-- A FUNCTION IN MY EXPERIMENTS!
I SHOULD BE HONORED, REWARDED FOR MY--

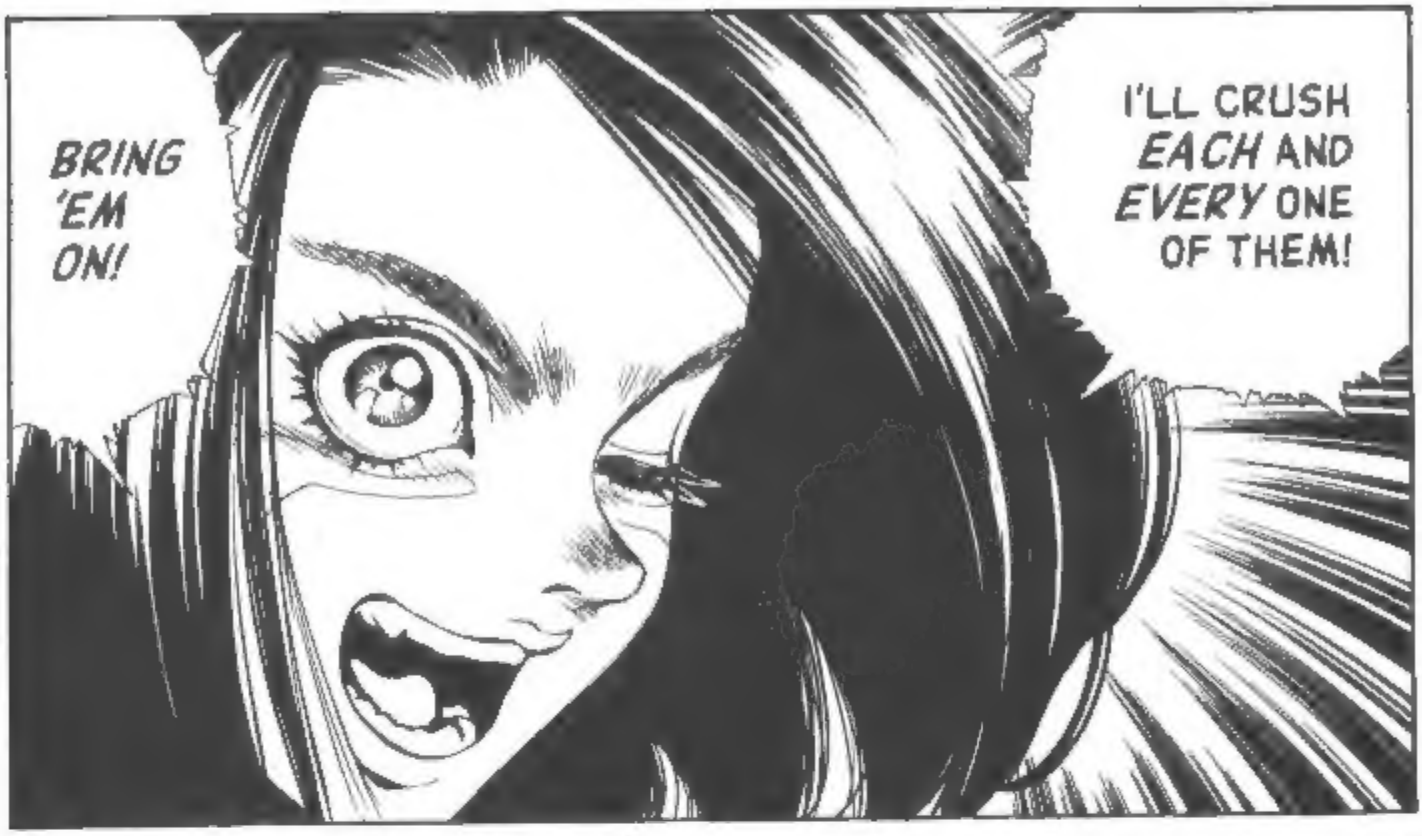
NGH!
SMAK
THLUK
AHHHGH!
YOU'RE SO PATHETIC...
GLAHAH!

TO THINK THAT SUCH A WEAKLING HAS MADE OUR LIVES HELL!
FMP

THAT REALLY TICKS ME OFF!

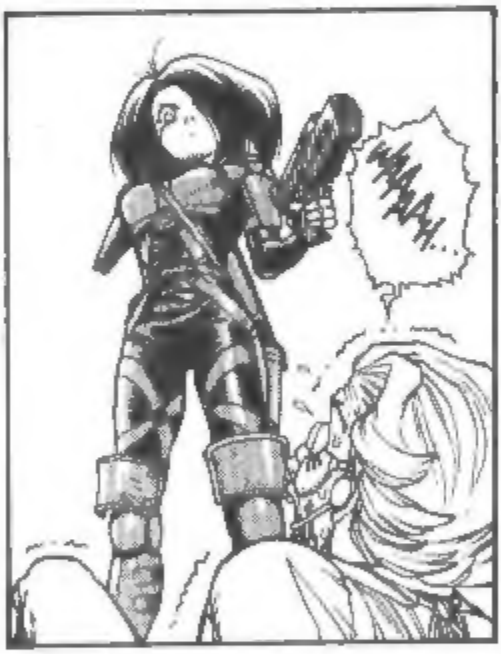
A-1, YOU--!

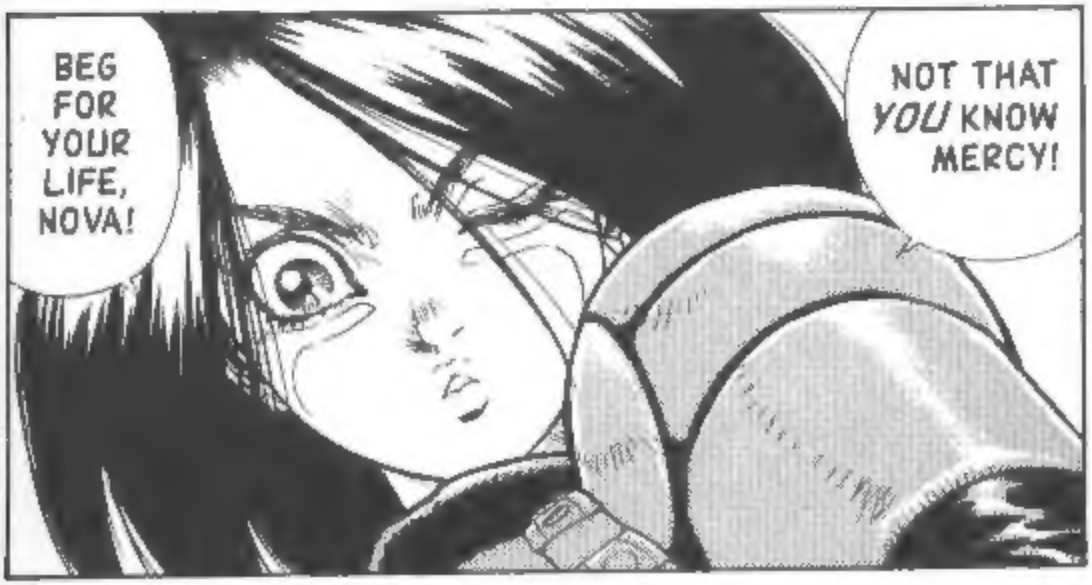
A MACHINE LIKE YOU ISN'T WORTH EVEN ONE OF PROFESSOR NOVA'S BRAIN CELLS!
IF YOU DON'T CEASE AND DESIST THIS INSTANT, I'LL BRAND YOU A TRAITOR--AND SEND THE AR SERIES TO EXECUTE YOU!


BRING 'EM ON!
I'LL CRUSH *EACH* AND *EVERY* ONE OF THEM!

.....

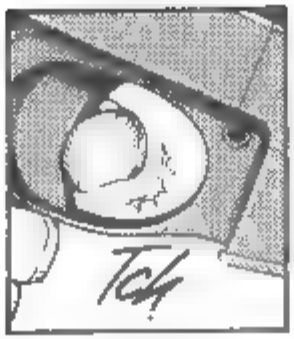
SO STRONG !
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED SINCE *YESTERDAY*, BUT SOMETHING HAS *CHANGED* IN HER!


AAAAH...


BEG FOR YOUR LIFE, NOVA!
NOT THAT *YOU* KNOW MERCY!

OH! I CAN'T *BEAR* IT-- NEVER TO EAT *FLAN* AGAIN!

!
GULP
O-OH, YES! IDO!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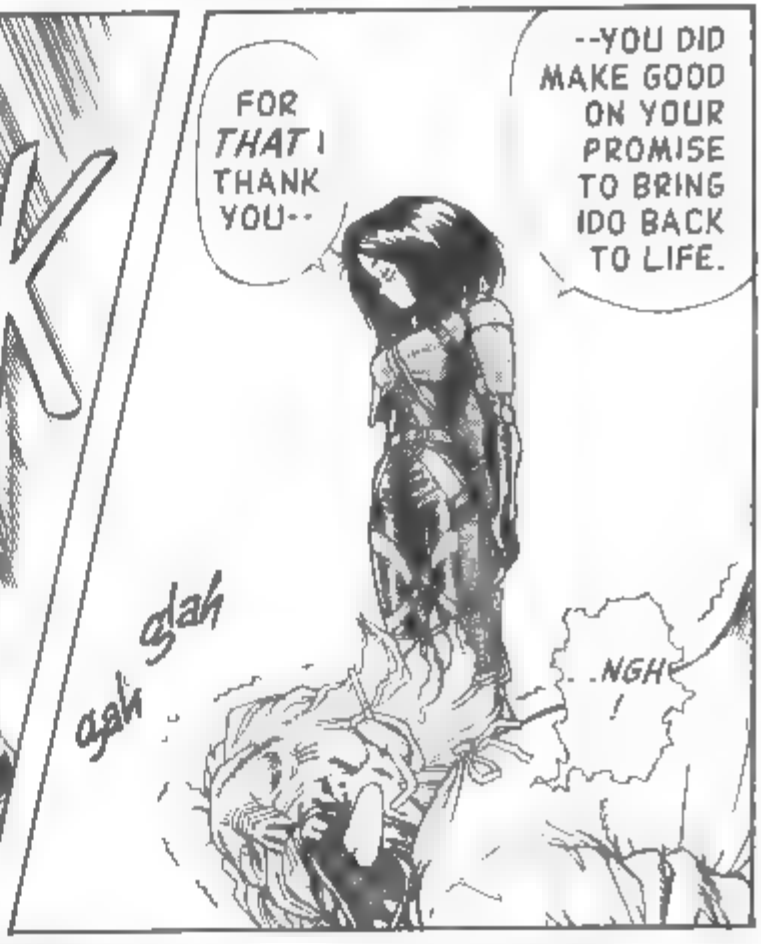
DID YOU GO SEE IDO!?

FLAWHAK

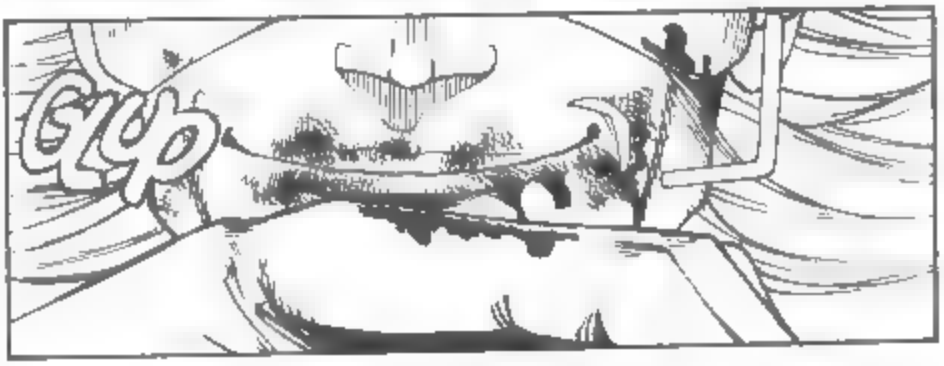

FOR THAT I THANK YOU--
--YOU DID MAKE GOOD ON YOUR PROMISE TO BRING IDO BACK TO LIFE.
glah
gah
..NGH!

BUT TELL ME!
WHAT IS THE SECRET OF TIPHARES !?

!

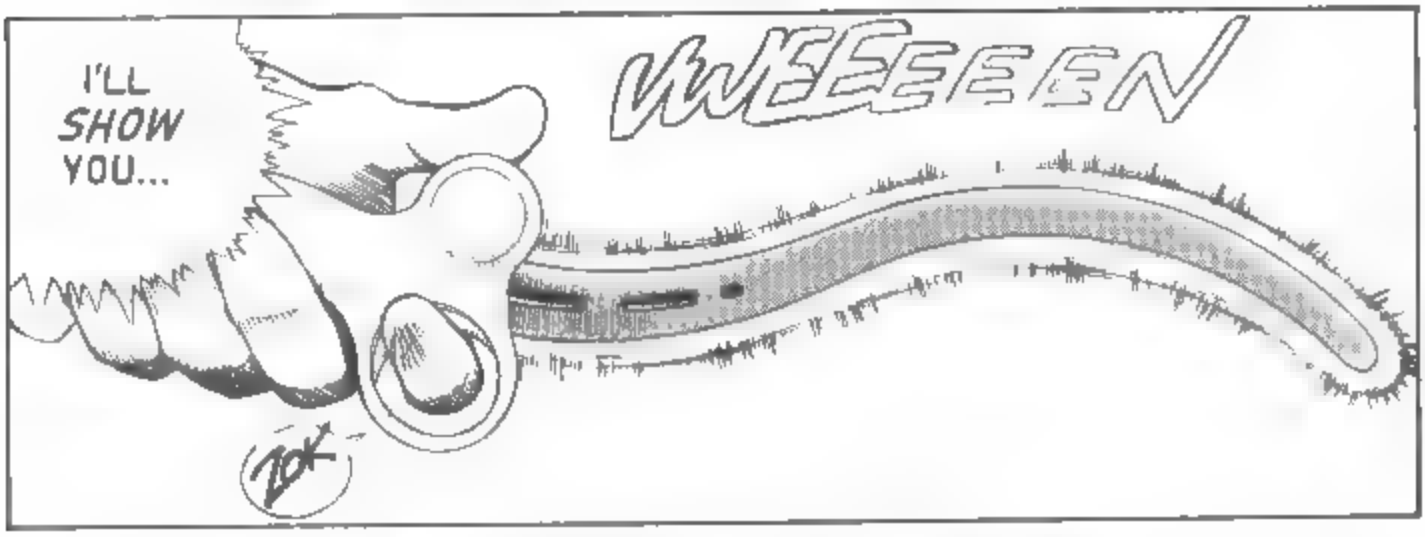
IDO FOUND OUT.

..AND HE.. *HE*.



I DON'T CARE ABOUT TIPHARES
I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT MADE IDO *SUFFER* SO MUCH.

GOOD ENOUGH !


I'LL *SHOW* YOU...
VWEEEEEN

...THE SECRET THAT DROVE IDO TO *MADNESS* !
VWEEEE

SKLEESH
TEESH

PERSPOOO

YERK..
!?
P-
PROFESSOR
!?
GAAAH
!

KYA,
HA,
HA,
HA,
HA!
SKREE
TEEK

TAKE A
GOOD LOOK
NOW..

...AT THE
TRUE
FORM OF A
TIPHAREAN
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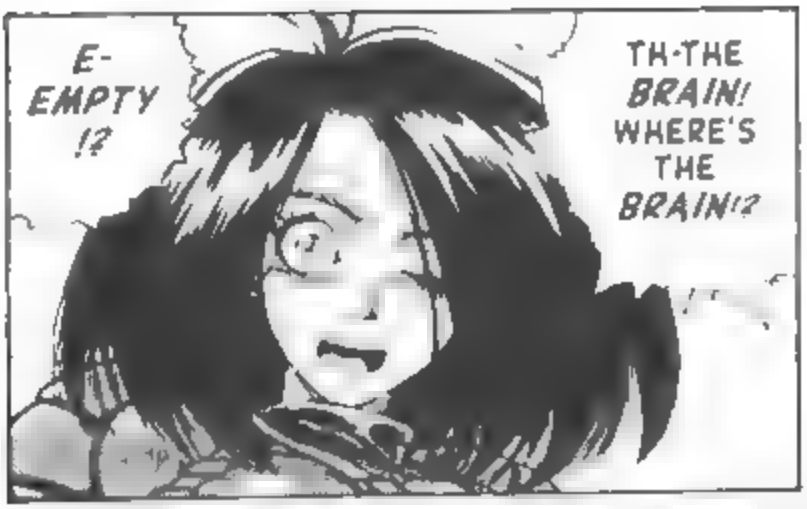
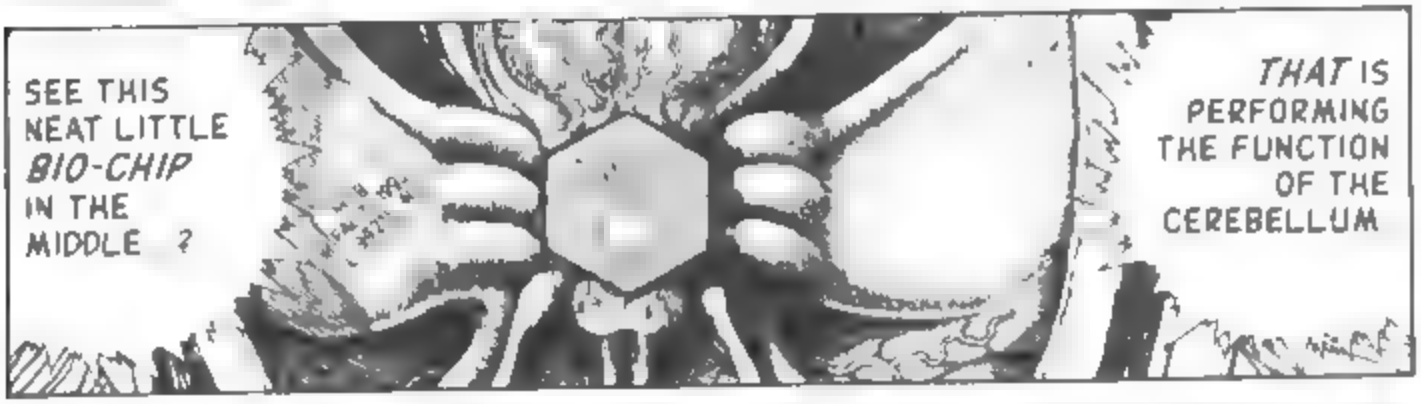
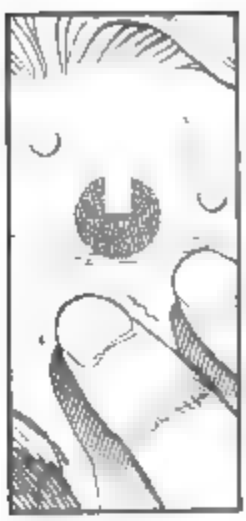




THE CHILDREN OF TIPHARES ARE A *WONDER* OF *EUGENICS** TO ENSURE THEIR *PERFECTION*, THEY ARE GIVEN A *MULTITUDE* OF TESTS KNOWLEDGE PERSONALITY PHYSICAL PROWESS I.Q. THOSE THAT PASS UNDERGO A *RITUAL OF INITIATION* AT THE AGE OF NINETEEN, ACQUIRING THE *MARK* OF TIPHARES ON THEIR FOREHEADS

...AND, WHILE WE'RE AT IT --A LITTLE *BRAIN SURGERY!* THE *BIO-CHIP* HAS OUR MEMORIES COPIED ONTO IT. IT'S A FAIR TRADE!

*EUGENICS A SCIENCE CONCERNED WITH IMPROVING THE GENETIC TRAITS OF THE HUMAN RACE THROUGH SELECTIVE BREEDING



TREMBL
TREMBL

OF COURSE, THE MEDICAL INSPECTION BUREAU KEEPS THIS ALL *COMPLETELY* SECRET.
TWIK TWOK

BUT ARE YOU
...STILL... *HUMAN* !?

!

HEH, HEH, HEH...

I GUESS THE APHORISM "*I THINK, THEREFORE I AM*" BRINGS LITTLE COMFORT IN THIS CASE.
YOU HAVE THE BODY OF A MACHINE WITH A HUMAN BRAIN. I HAVE THE BRAIN OF A MACHINE AND A HUMAN BODY. SUCH *DIFFERENCES* MAKE THE WORLD GO 'ROUND, YES?

IDO AND *LOU*...
BUT *WHY*!? FOR WHAT *REASON*--!?

THE BIO-CHIP BRAIN HELPS CITIZENS CONFORM TO A *STANDARD*, BY ELIMINATING UNDUE *STRESS*--

--SUCH AS THE AWARENESS THAT THEY HAVE *NO CONTROL* OVER THEIR *LIVES* STILL, DEFECTS CROP UP--AND PEOPLE WITHOUT A "*LIMITER*," LIKE MYSELF AND DOCTOR IDO, ARE CREATED.

THEN. . WHAT IS TIPHARES !?

WHO MADE IT -- FOR WHAT PURPOSE!?

UNFORTUNATELY, EVEN I CAN'T ANSWER *THAT* QUESTION

MAYBE TIPHARES IS NOTHING BUT A GIANT *LABORATORY*

.. AND THE TIPHAREANS NOTHING BUT *GUINEA PIGS*.

WHEN MY FATHER LEARNED THE TRUTH, HE *FLED* TIPHARES, IMMERSING HIMSELF IN HIS RESEARCH ON KARMA...

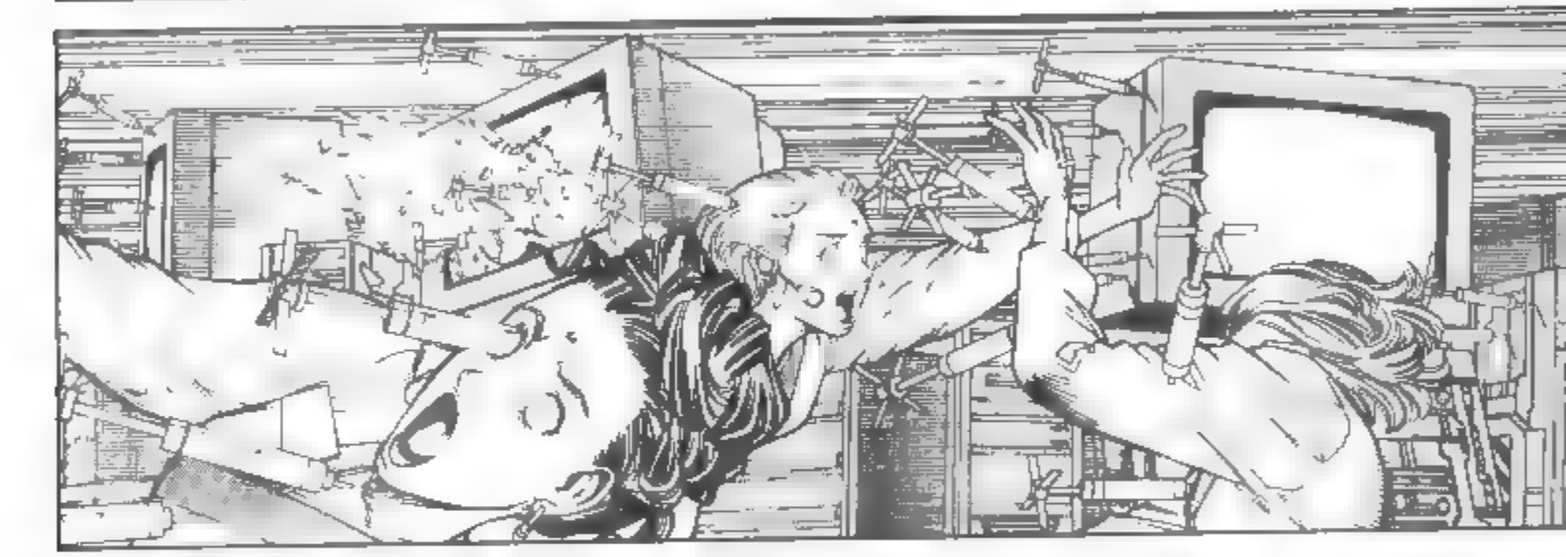
IT'S A LIE!
TH-THE INSIDE OF MY HEAD IS A...A MACHINE!?
TMP
TMP
TMP
WHAT'S WRONG, CHIEF?
KYEEEN
A HEALTHY BODY AND A HEALTHY PSYCHE! THAT'S THE FOUNDATION OF THE CITIZEN OF TIPHARES!
KRASH CRUSH
WHAT A LUDICROUS FAIRY TALE!
SKREE SKREE SKREE
WE'RE NOTHING LIKE THOSE FREAKS ON THE SURFACE-- REPLACING THEIR FRAIL BODIES AND WEAK MINDS WITH MACHINES!

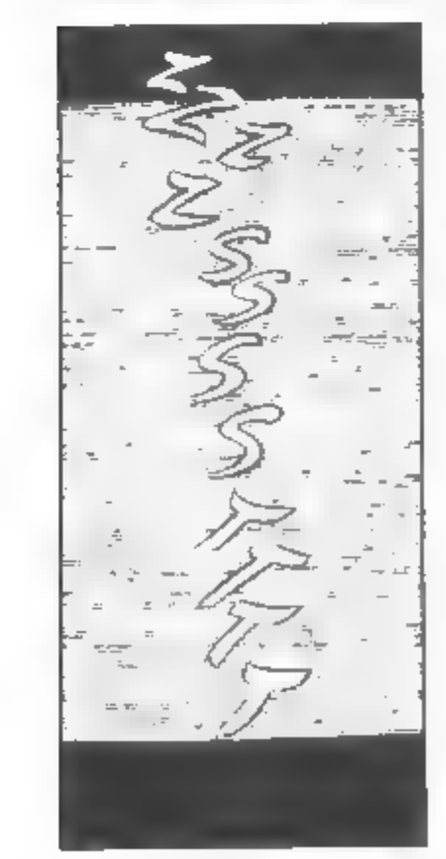
sop
AAAAH...
M-
MY...
...MY...
BRAIN...
BRAIN...
BRAIN...
HEH...HEE,
HEE, HEE...
MY BRAIN IS
MISSING...
AHEH, HEH,
HEH!
blup

HEY, CAN I HAVE MY BRAIN BACK... HEH, HEH...
YEEEEEE!
CH-CHIEF !?
ZISH
ZISH
ZISH
ZISH
ZISH
BRAI--
AAAH!
SPLAT
BURF

TH-THE M.I.B. !
M.I.B.
FWUMP

SLAM SLAM
SLAM
SLAM




ZZZZSSSSSTTTT

AHH!
LOOKS LIKE THEY WERE "PURIFIED."

ALITA, BEHIND YOU!
SHAA
WONK
UNGH
KYAHAHA! WELL DONE, BAZARLD!
SLEESH
VRMM
VRMM
SHAAAA
BLAM
BLAM

KYA, HA, HA, HA, HA!
BULLETS CAN'T PENETRATE THIS HIGH-PRESSURE WATER BARRIER!
FWOP
I CAN'T DIE HERE LIKE THIS!
SPEESH
ZEESH
FARE-WELL!

NOOAAAAA!

ZNORT
GOFF
OOFF
SKGH
THE ONLY WAY TO BEAT THEM.
SK
R
EK
SH
DAMN! FORGOT THEY ALL HAD RESTORER NANOBOTS INSIDE THEM...!
SKRSH
PUGH!
SKLOK
OOFF

FWEE
EEEK!
IS NOT TO HOLD ANYTHING BACK!
SPLARR SH

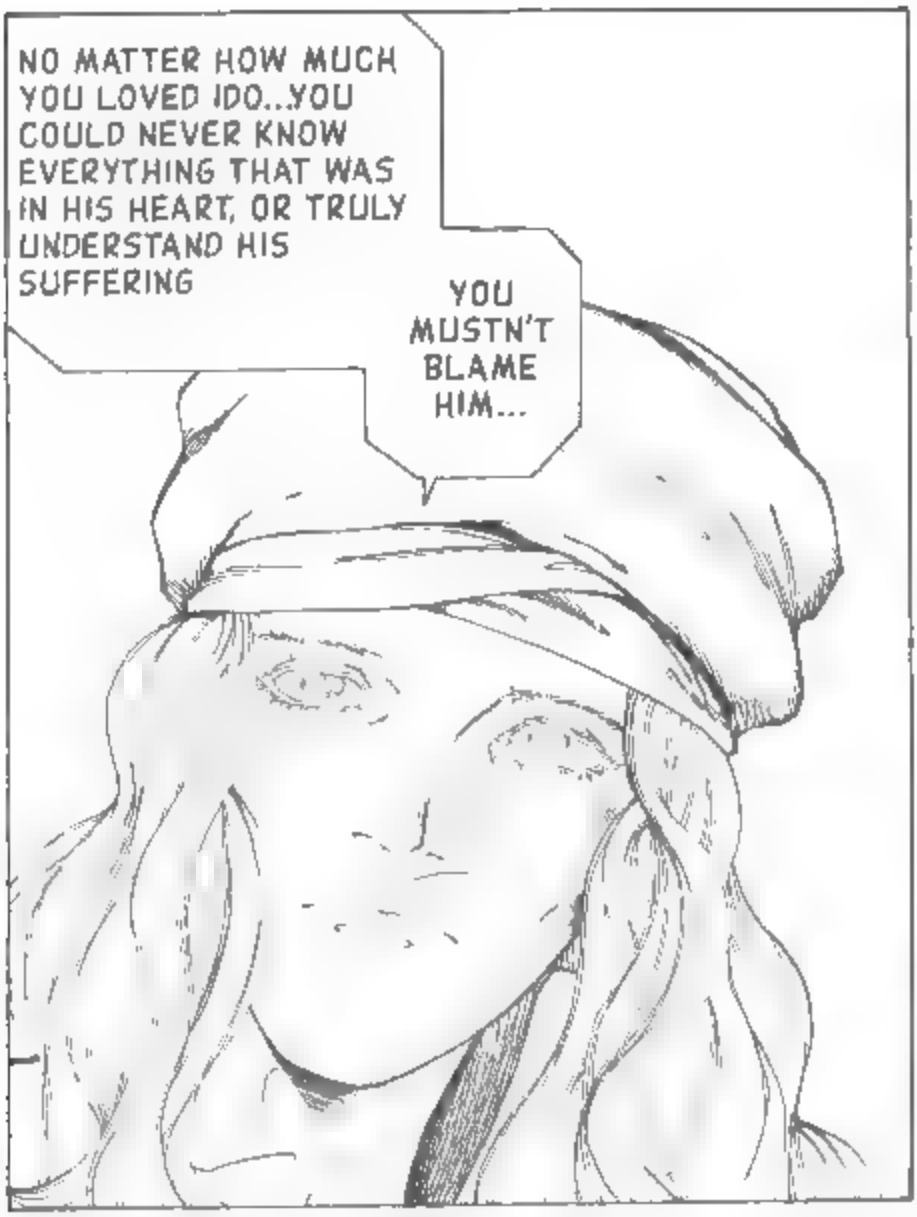
KOAAS

ALITA..
?

I
DON'T GET
IT...

IS KNOWING YOU HAVE A *CHIP* FOR A BRAIN ENOUGH TO DRIVE YOU *MAD!?*
ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU CAST AWAY *EVERYTHING* AND *EVERYONE* YOU VE EVER *LOVED!?*

TO ME, IDO WAS ALWAYS *IDO* NO ONE ELSE COULD TAKE HIS PLACE BUT *WHY* ? WHY?


NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU LOVED IDO...YOU COULD NEVER KNOW EVERYTHING THAT WAS IN HIS HEART, OR TRULY UNDERSTAND HIS SUFFERING
YOU MUSTN'T BLAME HIM...

UH-HUH.
FSSH

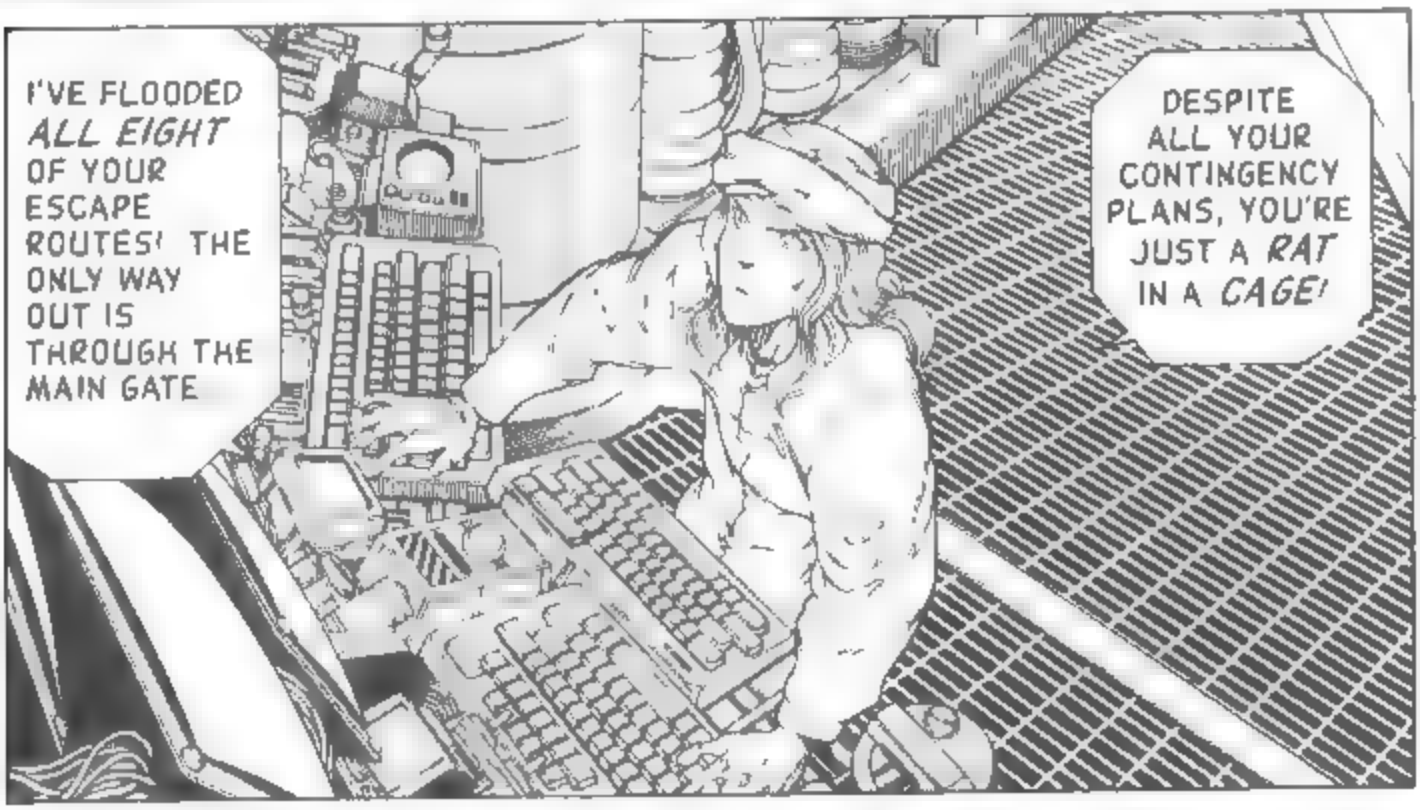
DO YOU *ALWAYS* KNOW WHAT TO SAY, KAOS?
WHEN IT COMES TO HUMAN WEAKNESS.. I'M AN *EXPERT!*

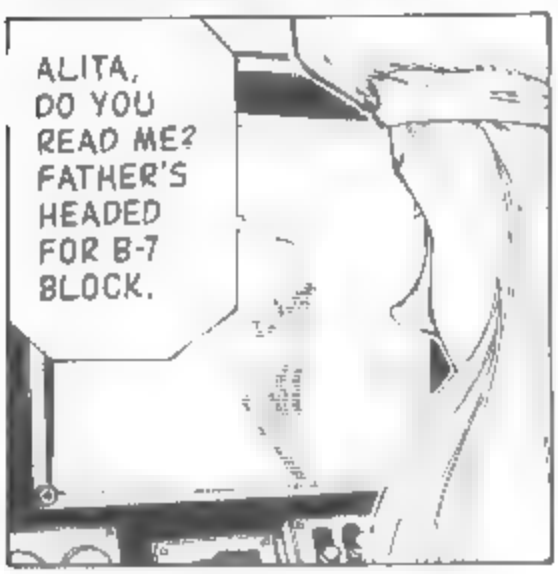
BUT THE TIME FOR *WORDS* IS OVER!
WE *CAN'T* LET MY FATHER *ESCAPE*!

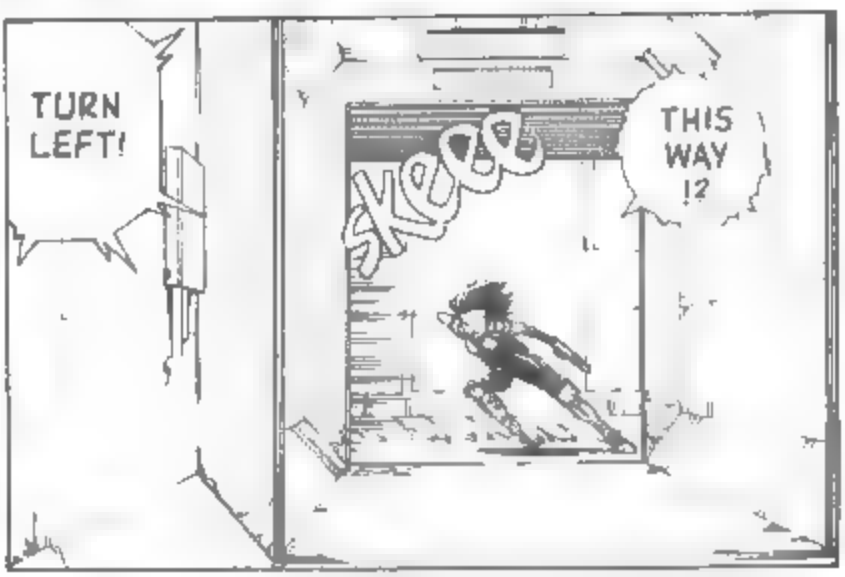
KYA, HA, HA, HA!
SHWOOP
I'M OFF TO SEE THE LADDER!
TIP TUP TOP
THE OUTER ATMOSPHERE COUNCIL LADDER..
..THEY LIKE ME!
EXIT
LAST
gaCLIK
YOW!
PLOSH!
WAAAAAH!
SPALOOO

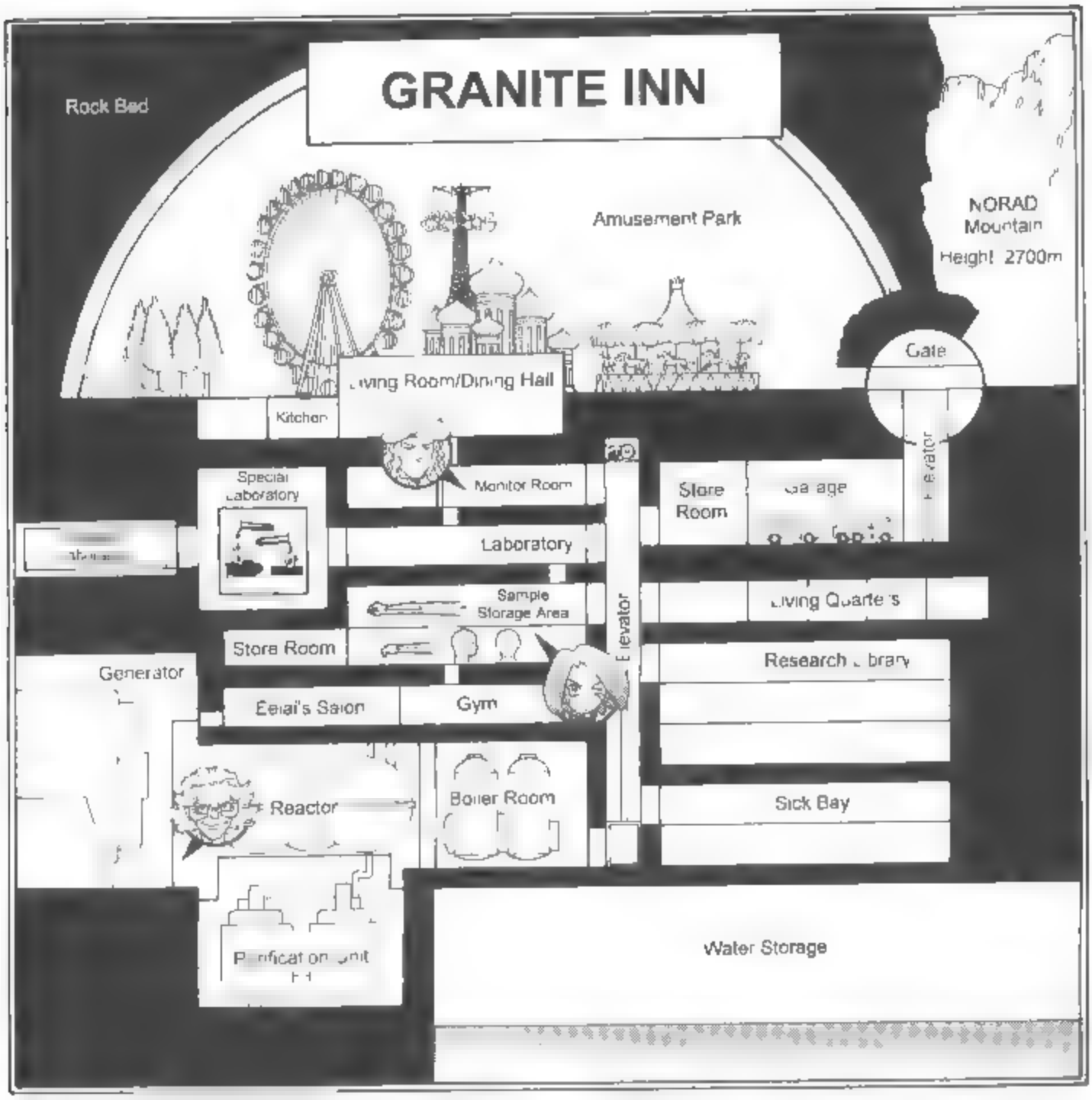
THERE'S NO ESCAPE FOR YOU, FATHER!
K-KAOS !?

YOUR SECRET ESCAPE CHUTE ISN'T SO SECRET!
THANKS TO MY PYCHOMETRY, I NOW KNOW THE *ENTIRE LAY-OUT* OF YOUR GRANITE INN!


I'VE FLOODED *ALL EIGHT* OF YOUR ESCAPE ROUTES! THE ONLY WAY OUT IS THROUGH THE MAIN GATE
DESPITE ALL YOUR CONTINGENCY PLANS, YOU'RE JUST A *RAT* IN A *CAGE!*


ALITA, DO YOU READ ME? FATHER'S HEADED FOR B-7 BLOCK.


TURN LEFT!
THIS WAY !?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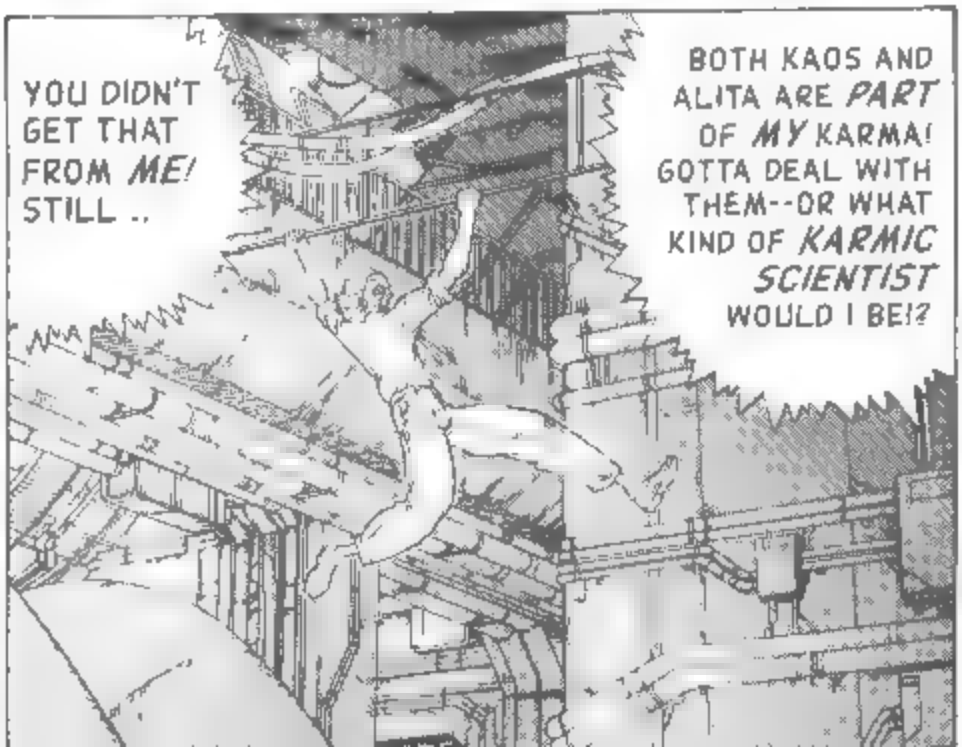
Rock Bed
Amusement Park
NORAD Mountain
Height 2700m
Gate
Kitchen
Monitor Room
Special Laboratory
Laboratory
Store Room
Sample Storage Area
Store Room
Generator
Gym
Reactor
Boiler Room
Elevator
Sick Bay
Water Storage

PESKY CHILD!
TNG
TNG
TNG


YOU DIDN'T GET THAT FROM ME! STILL ..
BOTH KAOS AND ALITA ARE PART OF MY KARMA! GOTTA DEAL WITH THEM--OR WHAT KIND OF KARMIC SCIENTIST WOULD I BE!?

EELA!! TIME TO GO TO WORK!
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO STAY IN THAT REFORMATION BATH, EH!?
TUNK

TEE-HEE! YOU SOUND A LITTLE BIT STRESSED...
LIKE YOU'RE IN A REAL BIND.
BLUP
BLUP

BLUP
BLUP
BLUP
BLUP
SHAAAVOOM

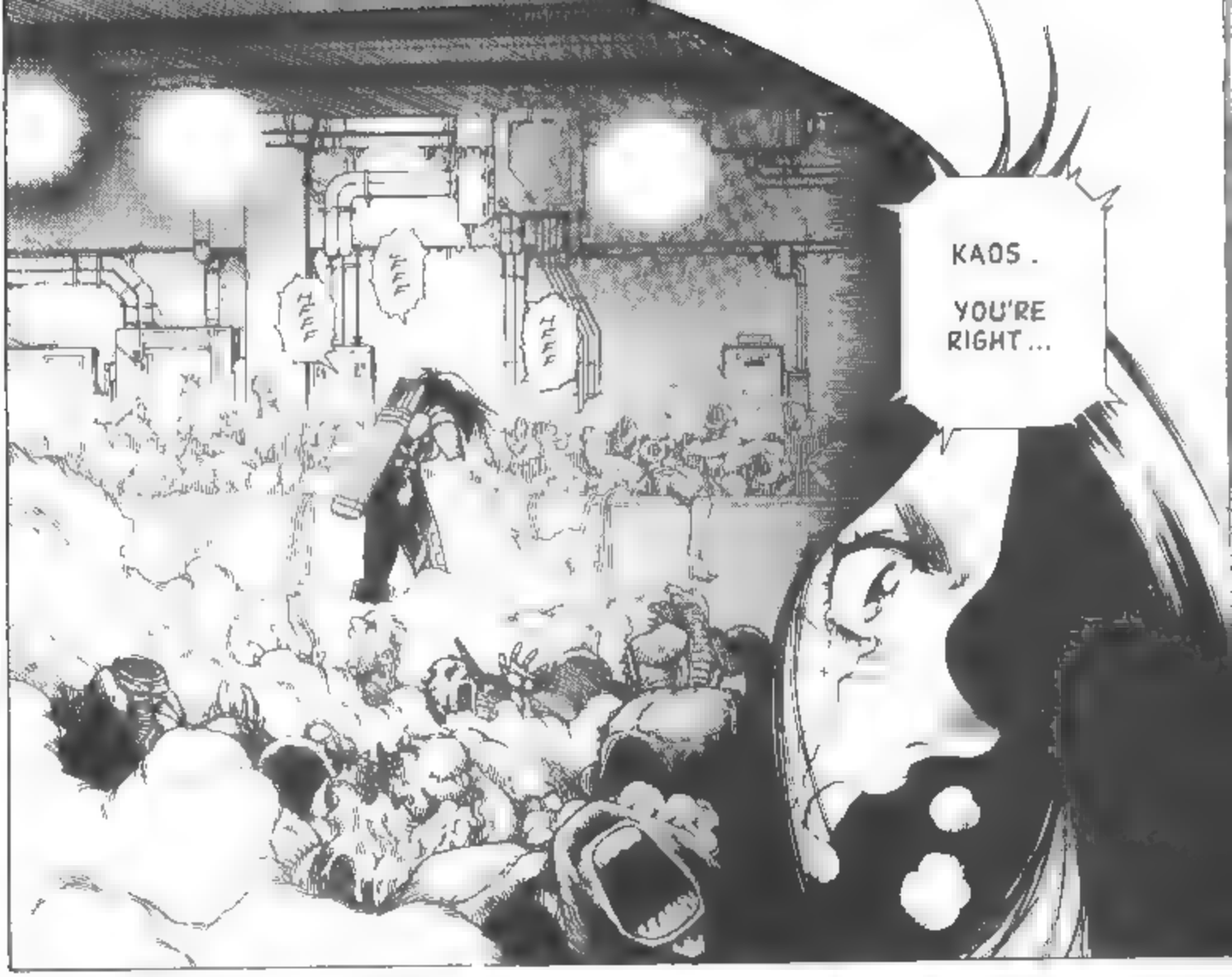
MMMM...!
I FEEL... REBORN!

SPLSH SPLSH
WHAT'S THE MATTER, ALITA?
I--I CAN'T DO THIS. .
IF TIPHAREANS ARE GUINEA PIGS, EVEN NOVA *HIMSELF* IS A *VICTIM*
THAT'S JUST TOO SAD.
.....
STEP INTO THE ROOM NEXT TO YOU...
?
CHIK

AIEEE!
GYAAAAH!
YEEEEEG!
AAAAARGH!

TIP OF THE ICEBERG.
THESE PEOPLE WERE ONCE TRADESMEN AND FARMERS--INNOCENT, HEALTHY PEOPLE THEIR CHILDREN, THEIR FAMILIES. ALL TAKEN PRISONER BY THE BARJACK
IN THE TWO DECADES SINCE NOVA FLED TIPHARES, TEN TIMES THIS MANY SURFACE-DWELLERS HAVE SUFFERED SIMILAR FATES AT HIS HANDS-- CUT UP AND MUTILATED TO SATISFY HIS NEED FOR SCIENTIFIC GRATIFICATION.
...!
OH !
GRIP
P-PLEASE KILL ME PLEASE
!
K-KILL ME...

KABLAM
ALITA !
BLAM BLAM BLAM
BLA BLAM BLAM BLAM
TRIPP
RIPP
SCRRRP


KAOS .
YOU'RE RIGHT...

. WE'RE THE ONLY TWO WHO CAN STOP NOVA!

AND THAT MAN *MUST* BE STOPPED!
TIPHARES AND MY OWN FEELINGS BE *DAMNED!*

TEE, HEE
EMOTIONAL AS EVER...
!

LITTLE ALITA .
SPASH
...EVER WONDER *WHEN* YOU'RE GOING TO DIE?
ETERNAL BEAUTY AN UNDYING BODY... THANKS TO THE PROFESSOR'S NANOTECHNOLOGY, I'VE BECOME AN *IMMORTAL*
I'VE NO NEED TO
I NEVER HAVE.

SO ANY ENEMY OF MY DARLING PROFESSOR NOVA.
SOAAA
...IS AN ENEMY OF MINE!
!?
SHAAAA
BLAM BLAM
HA, HA, HA!
SPASH
TASH

SHE'S USING A WATER PRESSURE CONVERTER!
IT SHOOTS A HIGH-PRESSURE STREAM OF WATER AT *SUPERSONIC* SPEEDS! THAT BLAST CAN CUT THROUGH *STEEL* AS IF IT WERE *JELLY!*
SKSSH
SLEEESH

IT'S *SO* UNSATISFYING TO CARVE UP A *CYBORG!* NOT ENOUGH *PAIN...*
ALITA WON'T BE ABLE TO DODGE HER ATTACK FOR LONG!
RUN, ALITA! *RUN!*
WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF *REAL FLESH*--ITS JOYS AND PAINS--YOU HAVE NO *REASON* TO LIVE!
KSIGH
SKSSHHH

COMPARED TO THE *PLEASURES* OF THE FLESH, WORDS LIKE *LOVE* AND *DREAMS*, *HONOR* AND *IDEALS* THEY'RE *NOTHING* BUT THE MOLD THAT GROWS ON CHEESE!

I *AM* FLESH!
FLESH IS *EVERY-THING!*

SKSH

KAFWANG

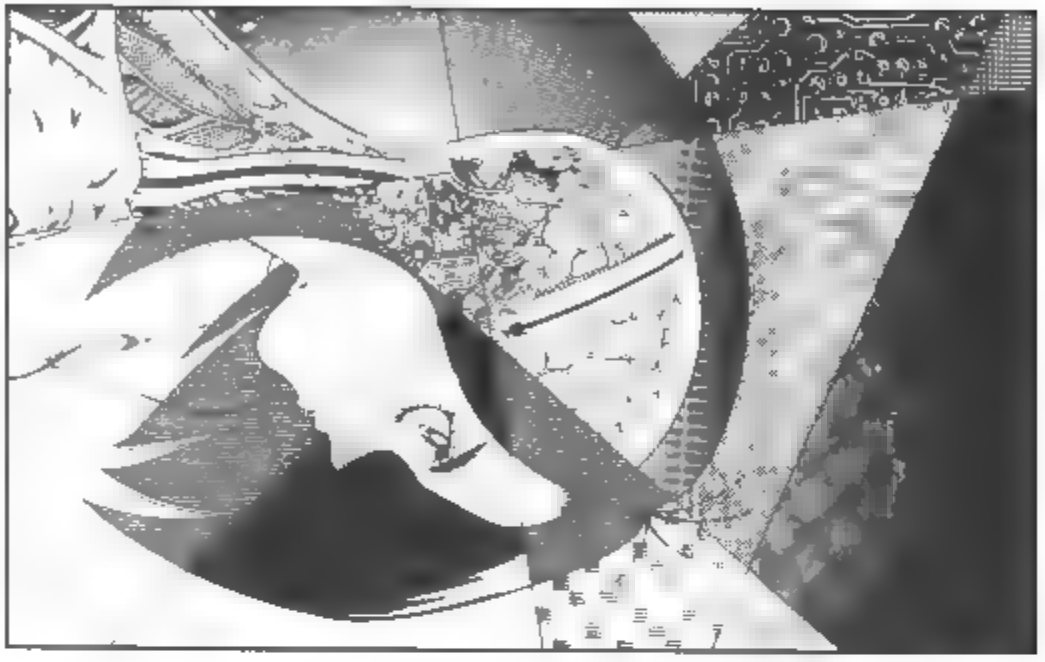
LOOKS LIKE EVEN NOVA'S NANO-TECHNOLOGY COULDN'T REPAIR THE *UGLINESS* IN *YOUR* SOUL!

HEAR *THAT*, SAUSAGE WOMAN ?!

YAAARGH!
ZUWAASHH
PLEASE! SUCH A DRAMATIC SWING FROM SO FAR AWAY? HARDLY A THREAT .!
HIGH-PRESSURE SHIELD !!
SHAAASH
SPLAAAAASH
YAAAAAH!

SPLA TEESH

SKASH
N-NO. . I...I CAN'T...
SPURSH
I CAN'T DIE--!
BWOSH
I--I SEE! IF THE BLADE GOES *FASTER* THAN THE SPEED OF THE WATER STREAM, IT CAN BREAK THROUGH IT!
MY ANGER IS *BEYOND* SUPER-SONIC !



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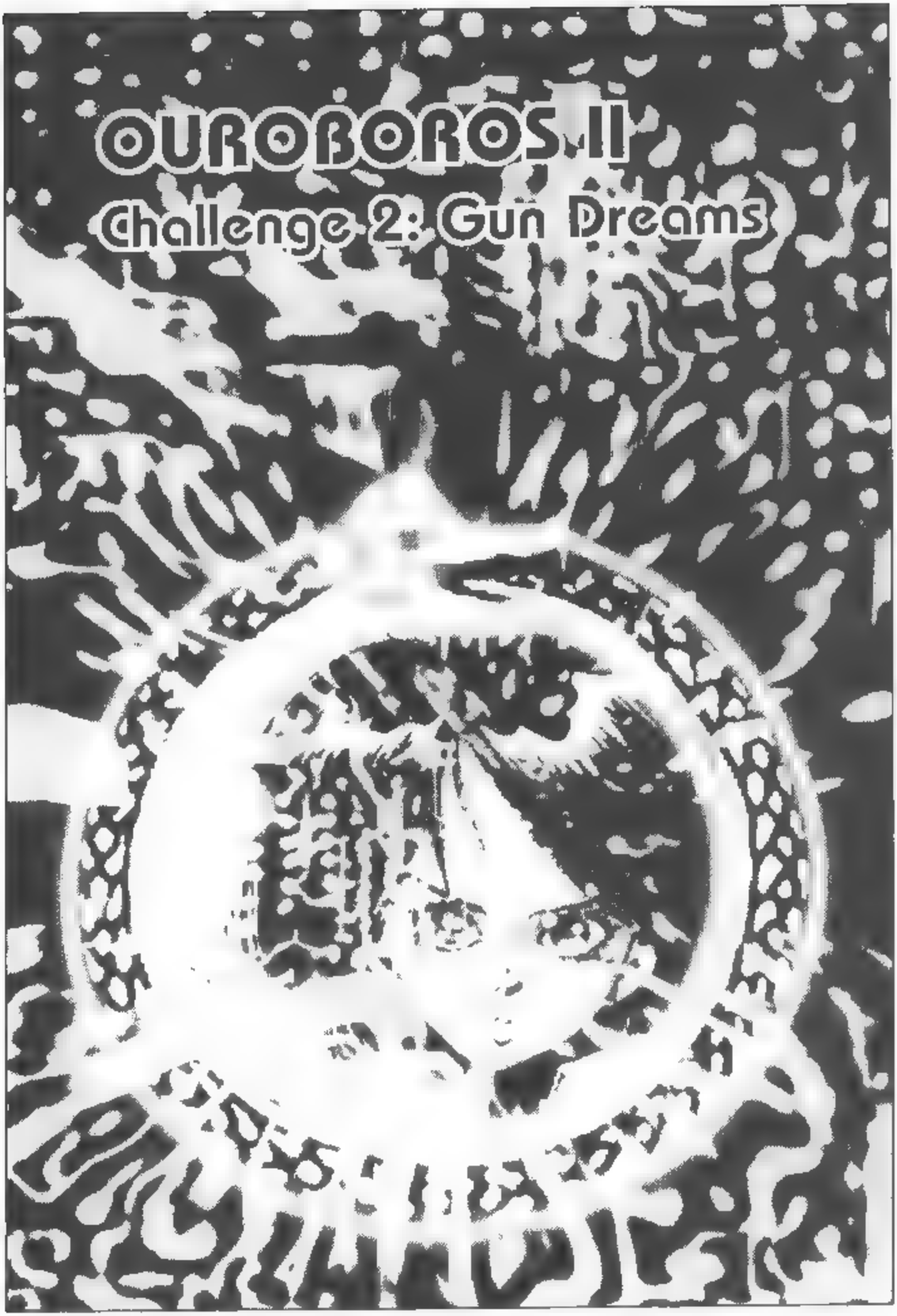
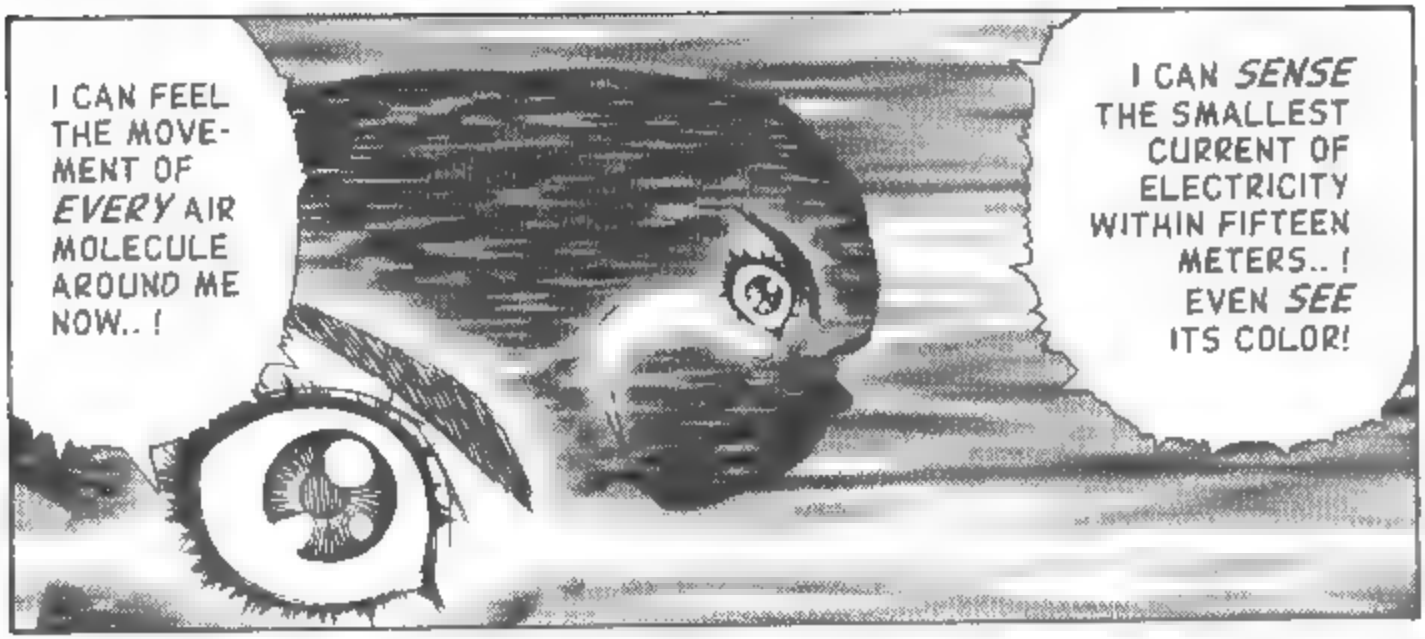


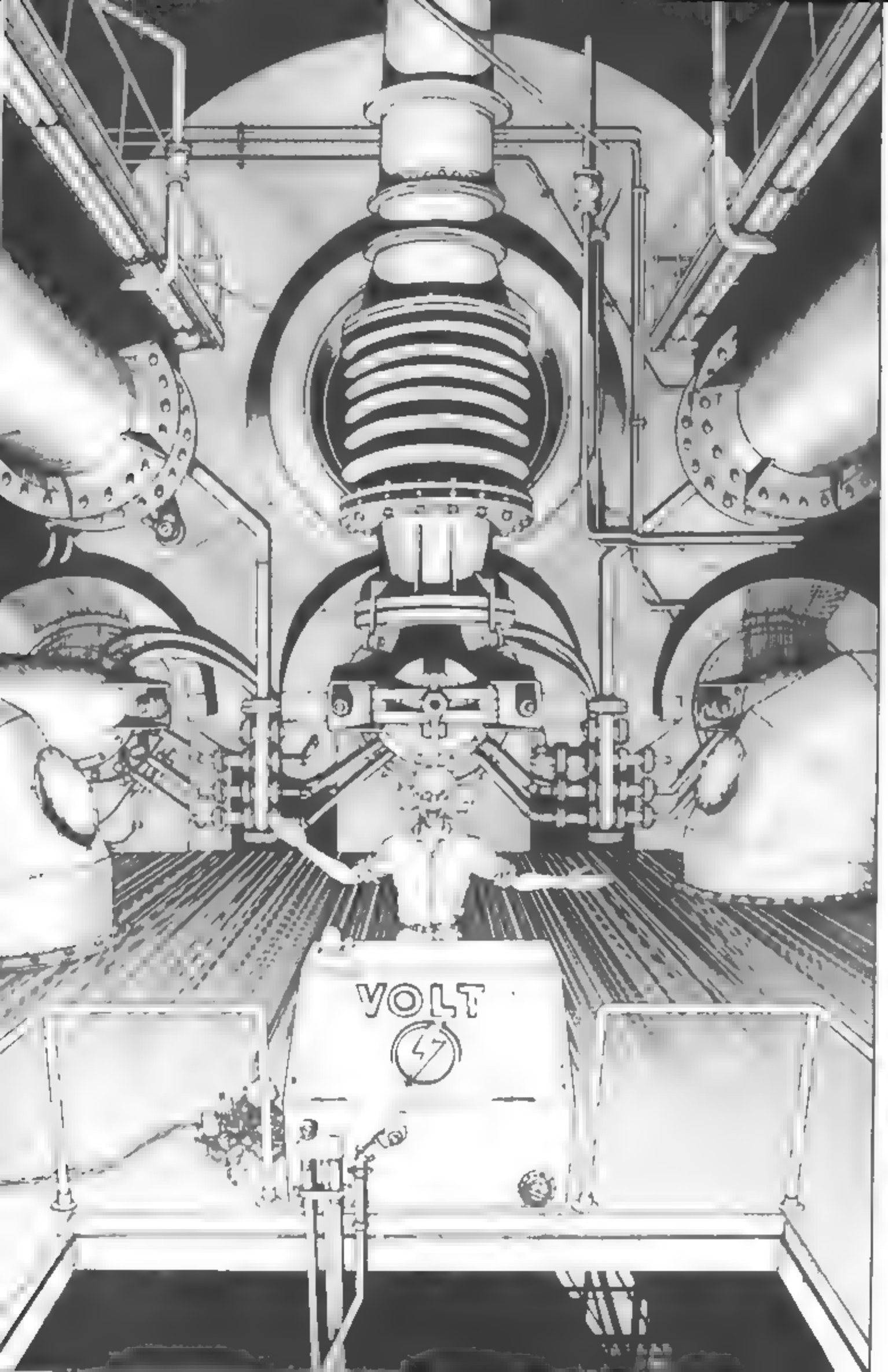
PING PAK
PING PAK
PING PAK
PING PAK
BE CAREFUL!
YOU KNOW MY FATHER'S MIND-- HE'S BOUND TO HAVE A TRAP SET FOR YOU!
YA, HA, HA! AH, KAOS!


I CAN FEEL THE MOVEMENT OF *EVERY* AIR MOLECULE AROUND ME NOW..!
I CAN *SENSE* THE SMALLEST CURRENT OF ELECTRICITY WITHIN FIFTEEN METERS..! EVEN *SEE* ITS COLOR!

I'VE NEVER FELT CHI SO *POWERFUL* WITHIN ME!

I *WILL* DEFEAT HIM!
NO MATTER *WHAT* KIND OF TRAP HE'S GOT WAITING FOR ME!

HE WON'T STOP ME!
SLAM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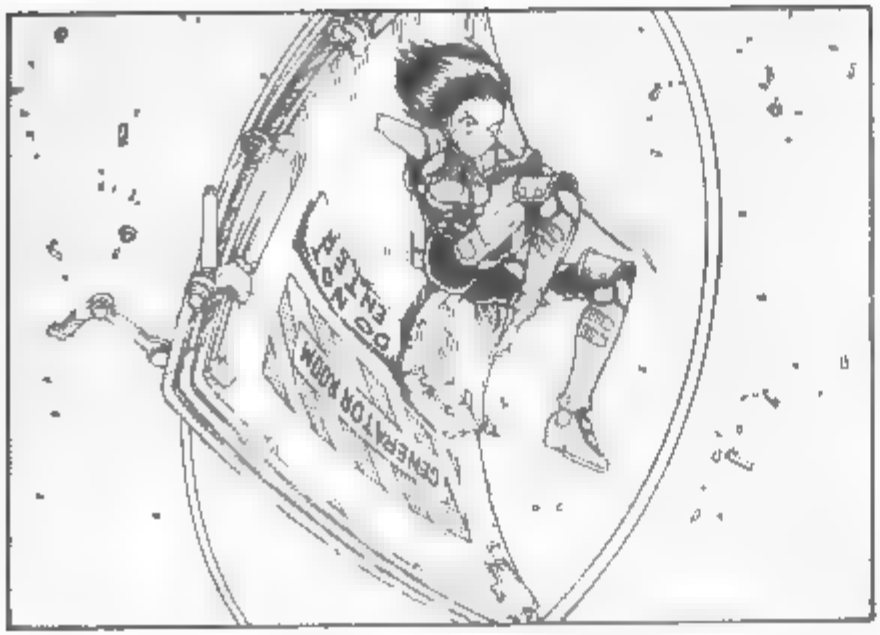
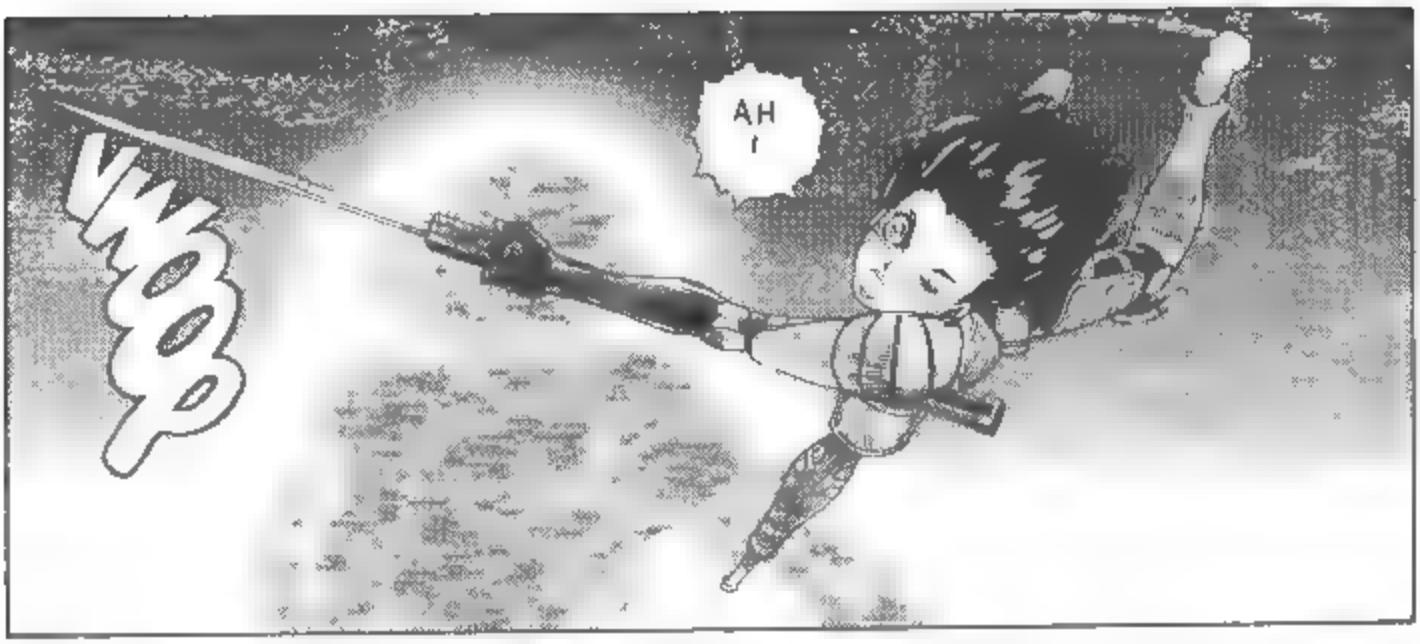
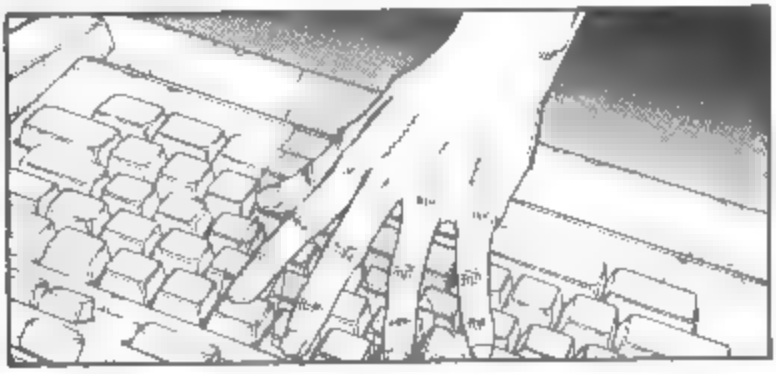


YOU THINK YOU'VE BECOME SOME KIND OF *GOD!?*


AH!
VWOOP

DAMN! NOT AGAIN!



SKRAA
WHUD

IMPRESSIVE, ALTHOUGH I'VE TAKEN CONTROL OF HER CONSCIOUSNESS SHE STILL LANDS PERFECTLY

I DON'T DARE EVEN APPROACH HER, LEST I GET SLASHED

FATHER, THE *OUROBOROS PROGRAM* WILL NO LONGER WORK AGAINST ALITA!

PSHAW! THE G.I.B. MAY HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THE TUNED'S DIGITAL COM-LINK IS DOWN

I CAN ACCESS THE OUROBOROS PROGRAM THAT I HACKED INTO ALITA'S MIND AT *ANY* TIME!

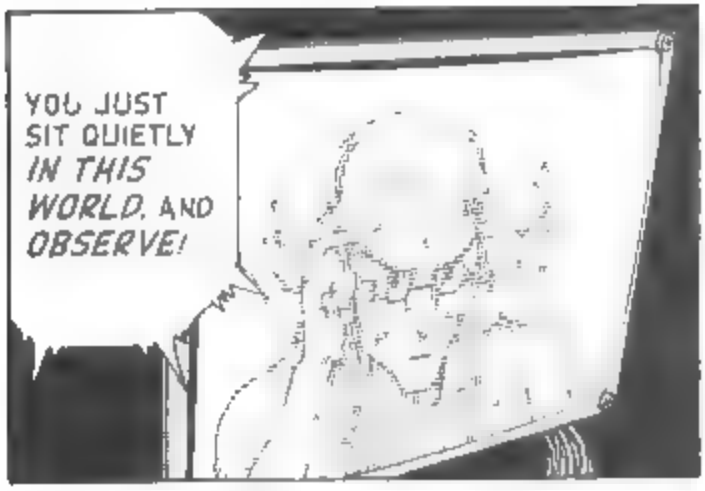
BUT I'M NO LONGER CONTENT TO JUST TOY WITH HER *SUB-CONSCIOUS...*

GRAA

I, TOO, HAVE RETURNED FROM THE *DEEPEST* HELL OF MAN'S DESPAIR AND MADNESS!

I'LL ENTER HER DREAMS..

AND DESTROY THE VERY *ESSENCE* OF HER WILL TO DO BATTLE! *I WILL SEE HER BEG!*


YOU JUST SIT QUIETLY IN THIS WORLD, AND OBSERVE!

OH, ALITA...

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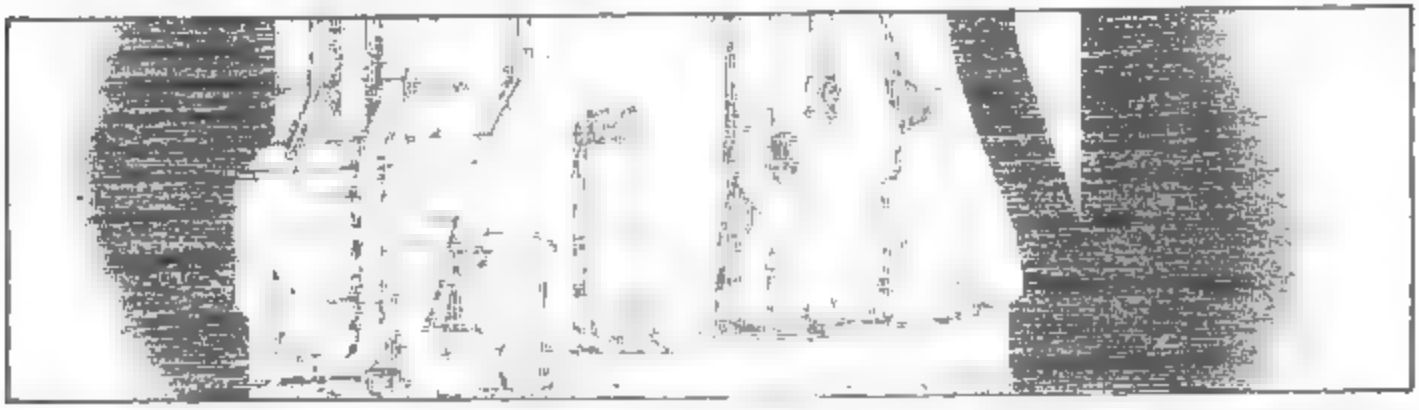

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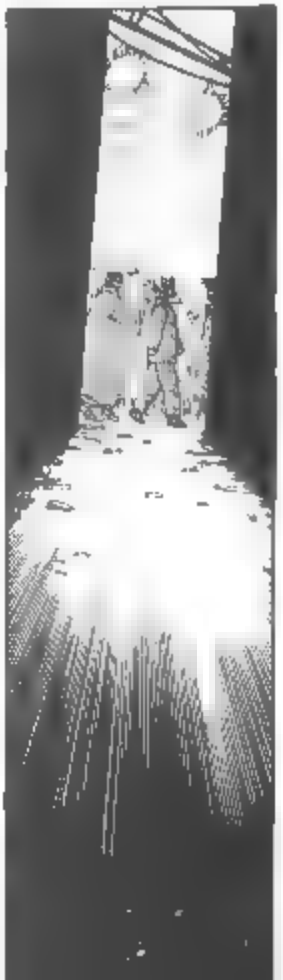
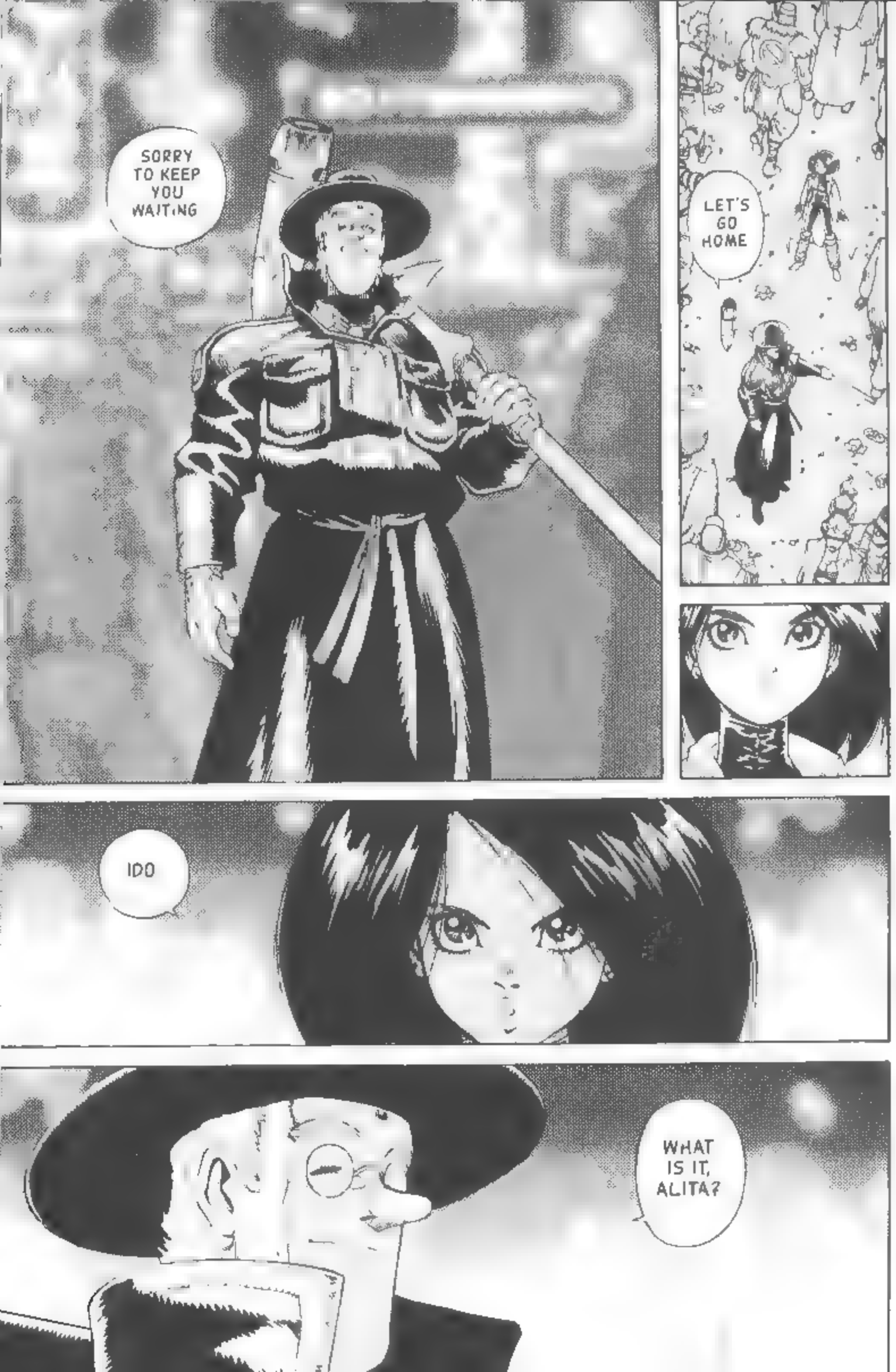
VASH



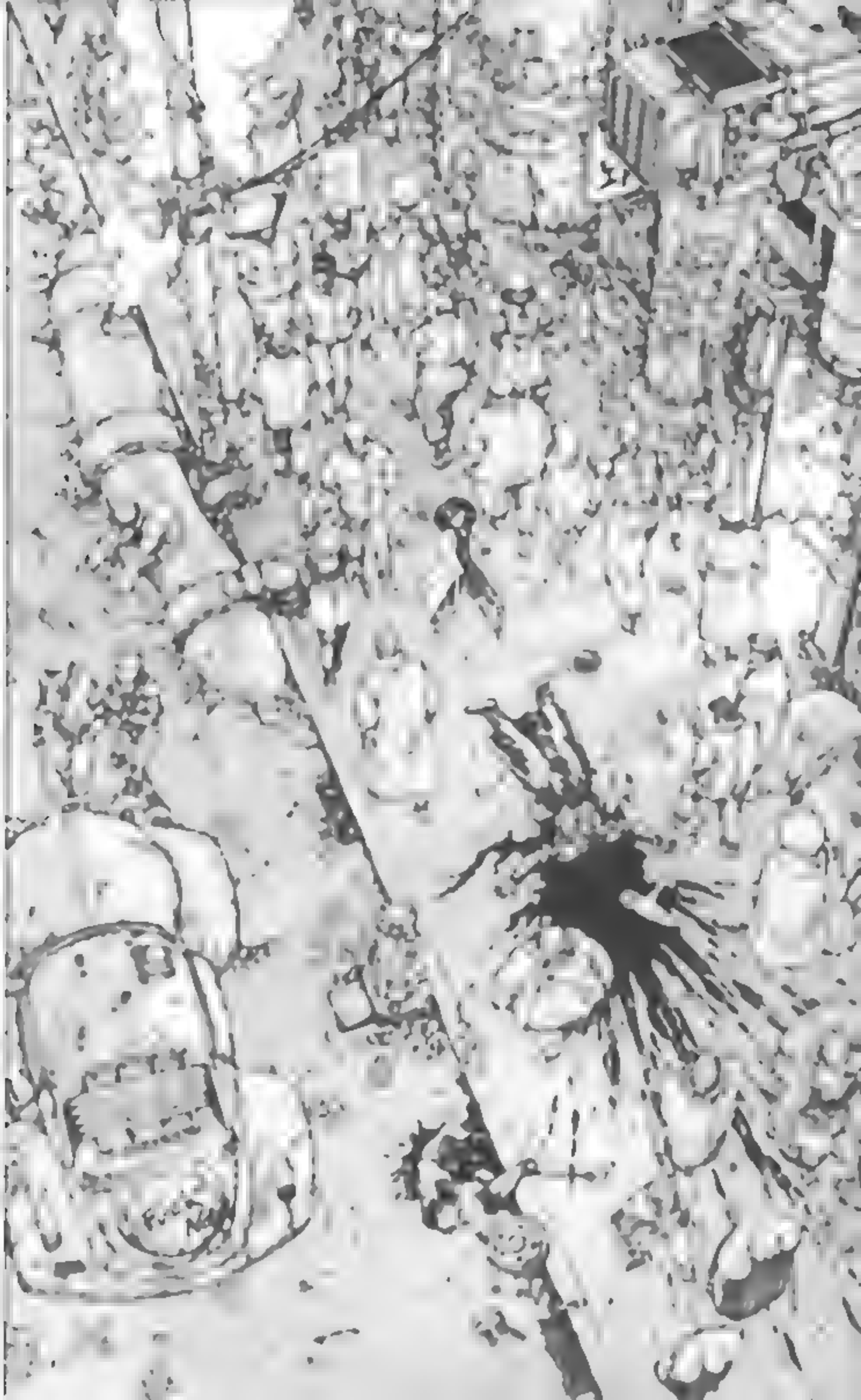
SO IT'S THE *SCRAP-YARD* THIS TIME


SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING
LET'S GO HOME
IDO
WHAT IS IT, ALITA?

I'M SORRY!

PAKLEEEH

SPLORPPP



HFF
TH THIS DREAM
UFF
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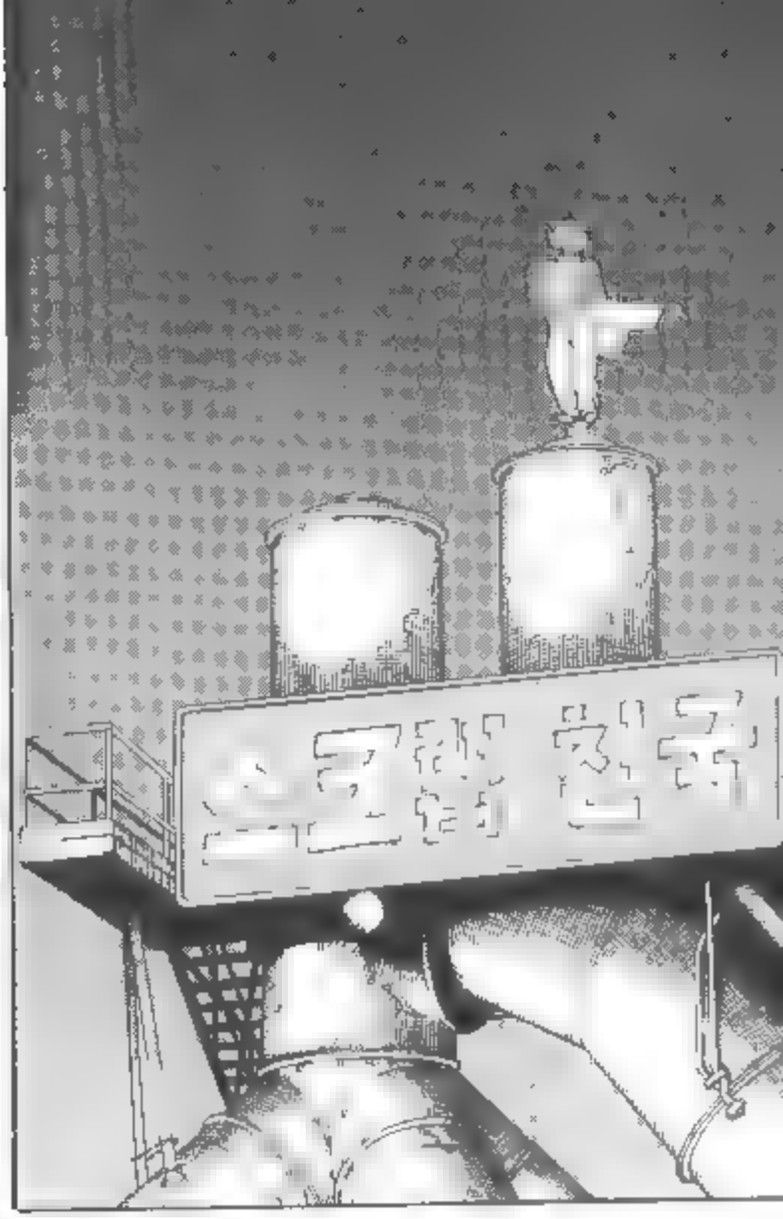
HFF
IT WON'T END
UFF
HFF



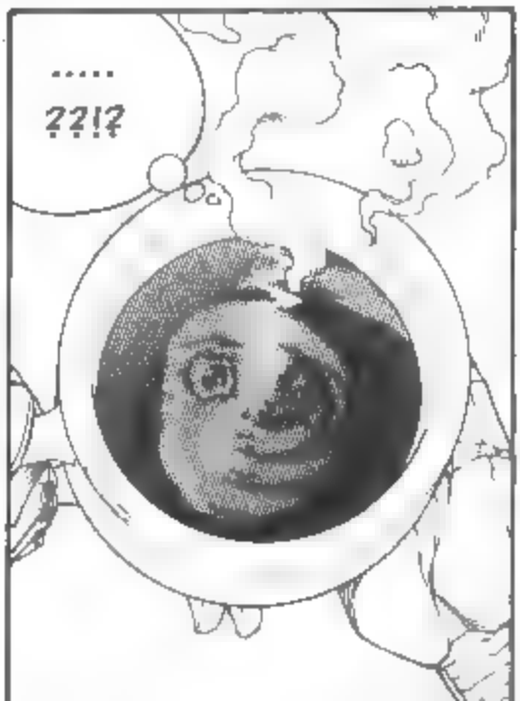
HEH HEH, HEH! HAVEN'T HAD ENOUGH YET?

WOON

UHN.

GOOD MORNING, ALITA
MORNING, IDO ..

YOU WERE TOSSING AND TURNING
YEAH... I HAD A *REALLY* BAD DREAM...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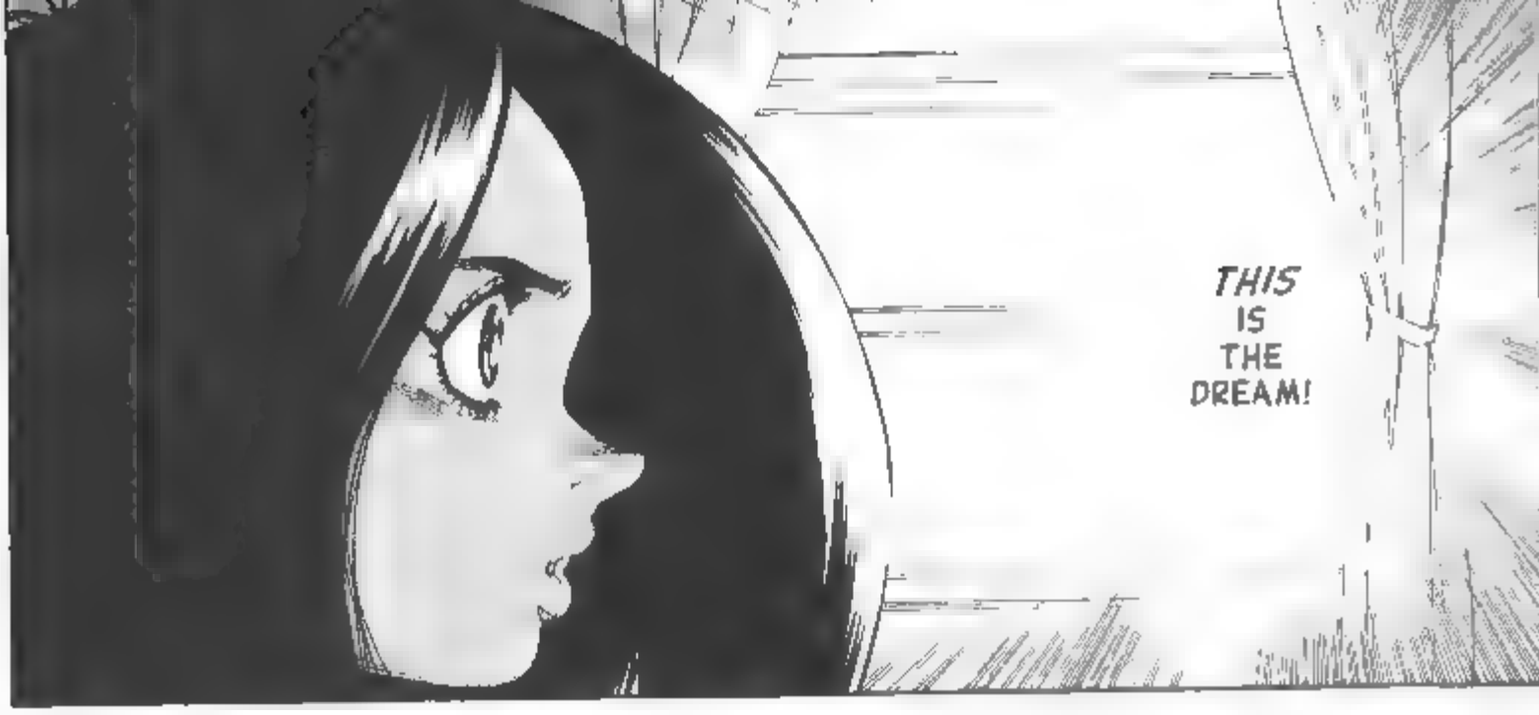
NO... *THIS ISN'T RIGHT!*


THIS IS THE DREAM!

I'M INSIDE NOVA'S TRAP!

SKERSH

!?

IDO... I'VE GOT TO GO.

I'M INSIDE MY OWN DREAM.

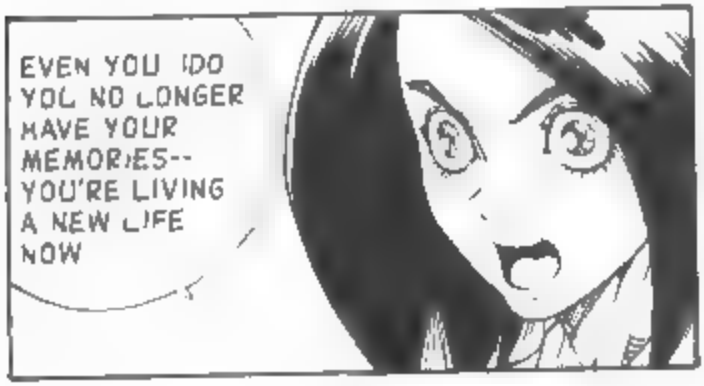
A DREAM, HUH?

POIK
OWW!

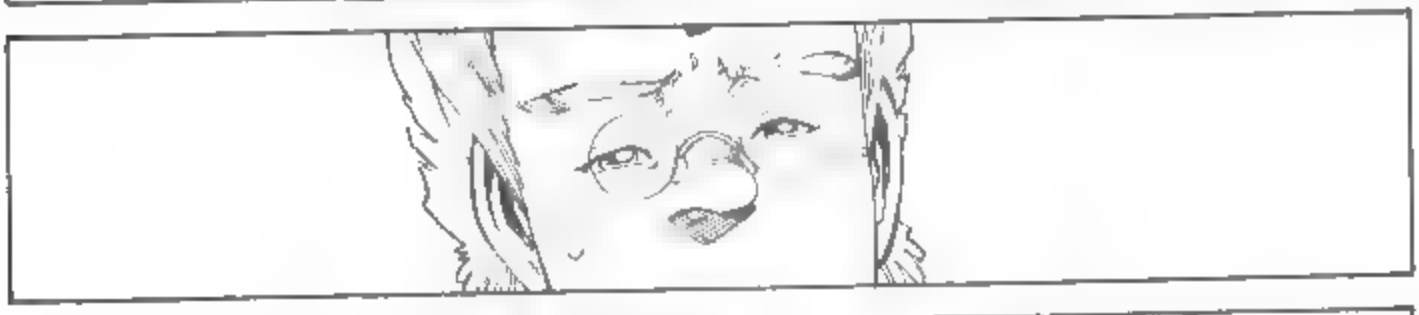
DOESN'T FEEL LIKE A DREAM
HA HA HA

YEAH IT'S REALLY WELL MADE

BUT IN REALITY, THIS CLINIC WAS DESTROYED OVER TEN YEARS AGO BY ZAPAN--IT DOESN'T EXIST ANYMORE!


EVEN YOU! DO YOU NO LONGER HAVE YOUR MEMORIES-- YOU'RE LIVING A NEW LIFE NOW

AFTER DEFEATING ZAPAN I WAS ALMOST EXECUTED



THE ONLY REASON I'M STILL ALIVE IS THAT I AGREED TO BECOME AN AGENT OF TIPHARES—TO TRACK DOWN DESTY NOVA

I'VE BEEN WANDERING THE BADLANDS FOR THE LAST DECADE-- WANDERING AND FIGHTING. AND NOW

IT'S OKAY. REALLY.

NO, IT'S *NOT* OKAY . !

IT *IS.*

THIS--IT'S ALL A *DREAM!*

OH, ALITA! EVEN IF IT COST ME MY *LIFE*.

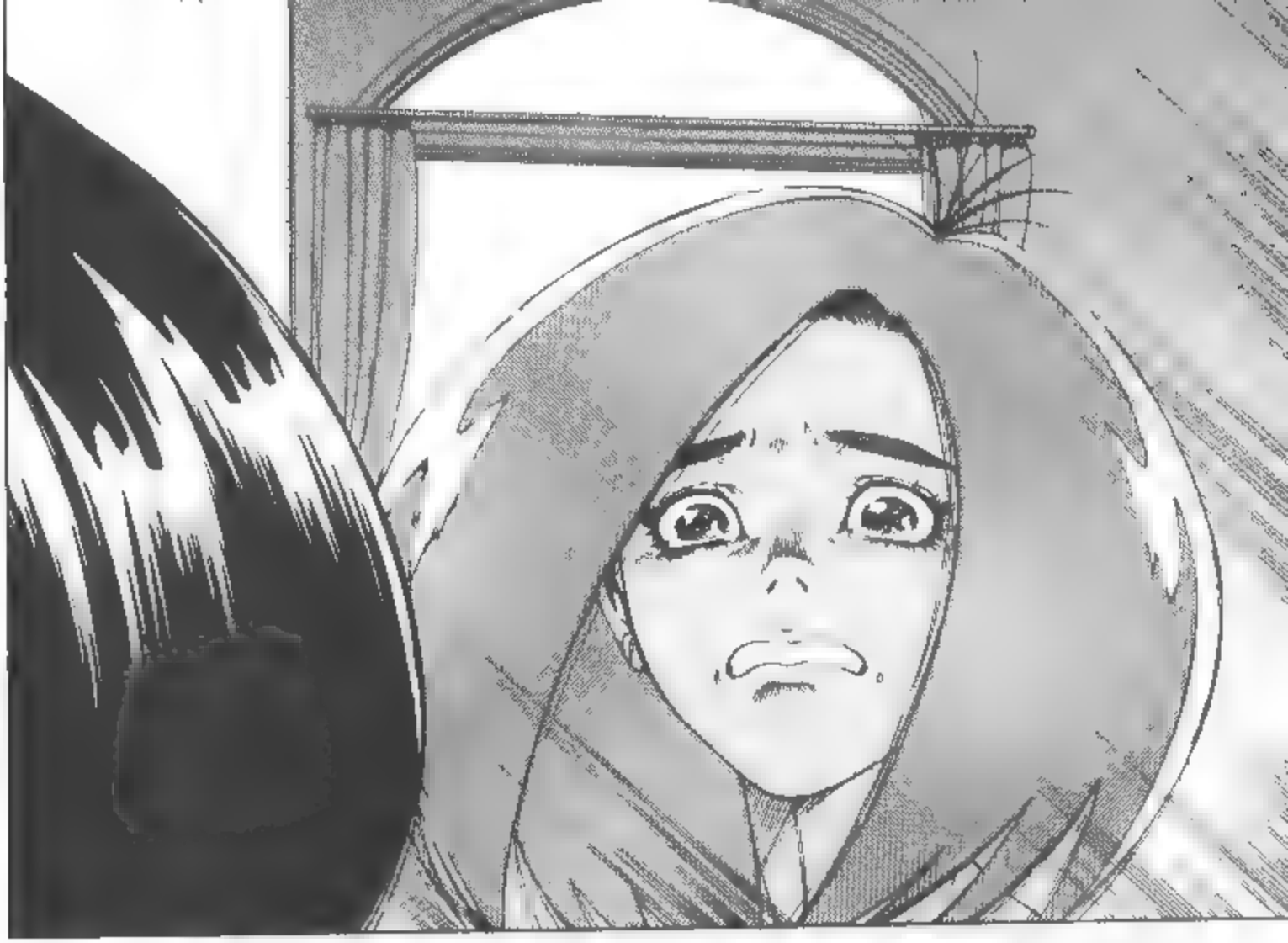
...I WOULD *NEVER* LET YOU SUFFER THIS MUCH SADNESS.

DEAR IDO...

THIS IS WHERE I *WANTED* TO LIVE. .THE WORDS I *WANTED* TO HEAR...IF ONLY I COULD STAY HERE *FOREVER*...

GASP
IT'S OKAY. ..JUST... A *DREAM*...
HSH
ZLUMP

A DREAM

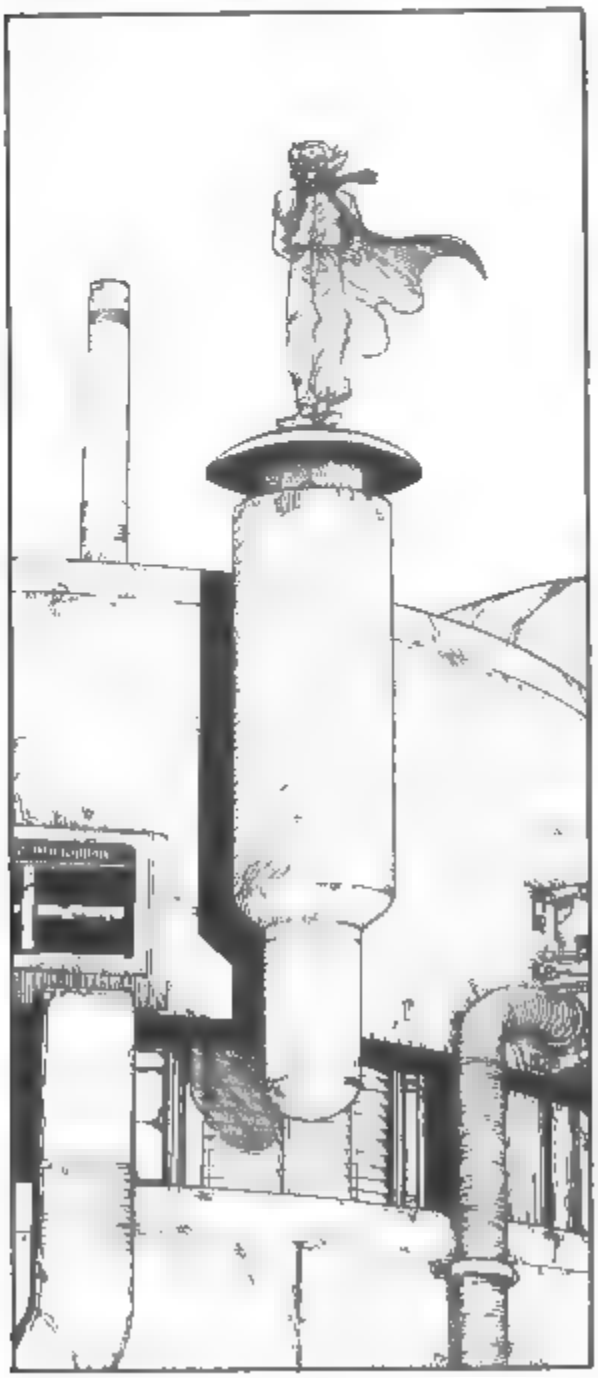


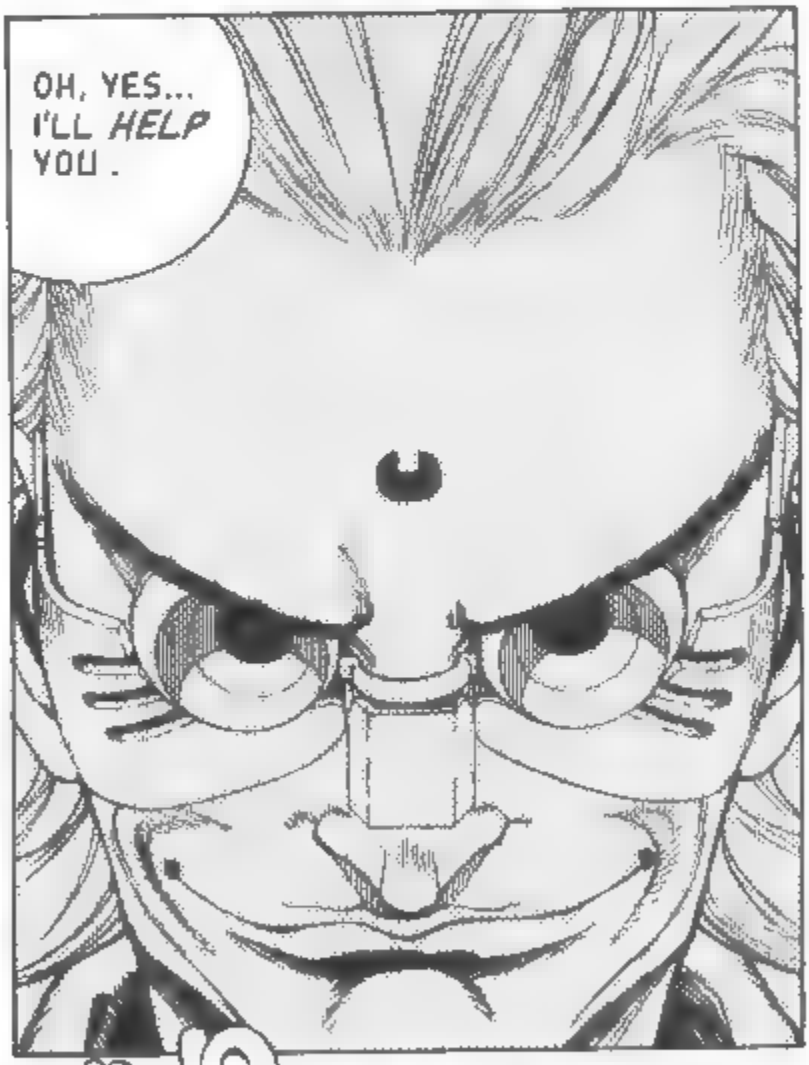
WHUD

I'M SORRY! I'M SO SORRY, IDO!
Tumpa Tump

I--I WON'T DISAGREE WITH YOU ANYMORE...
JUST *PLEASE* COME BACK TO LIFE...!

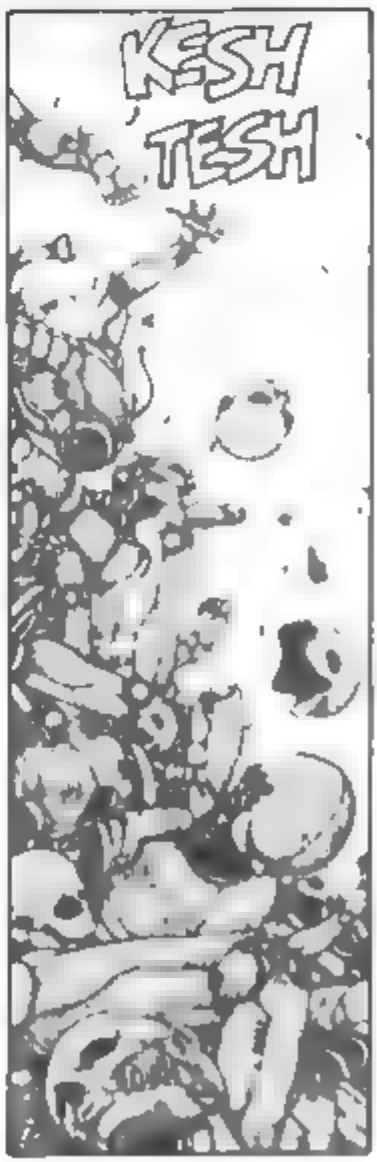
SOMEONE... ANYONE! *HELP ME!*




OH, YES... I'LL *HELP* YOU .

VWOON

RMBR
BRMBRM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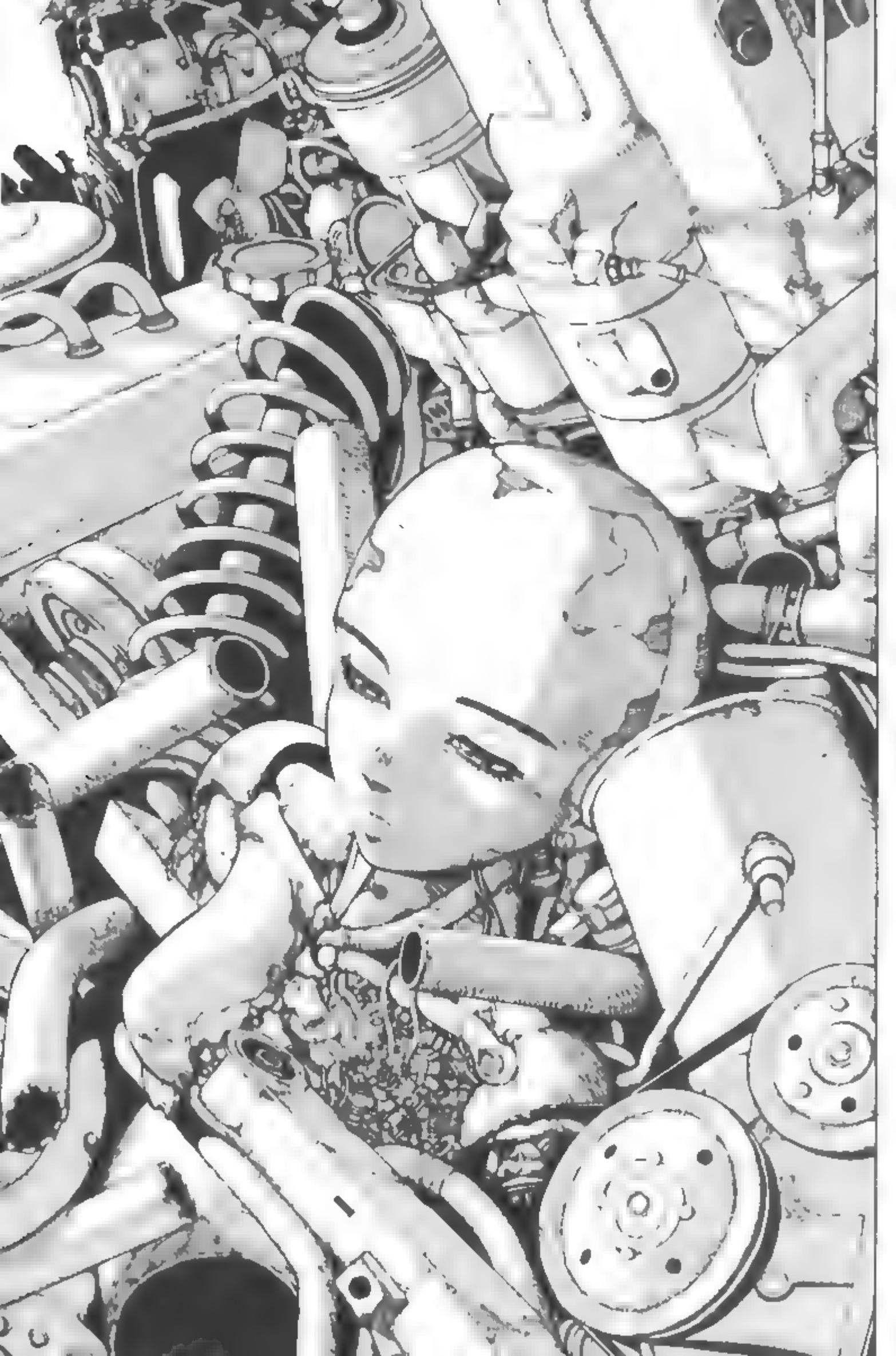
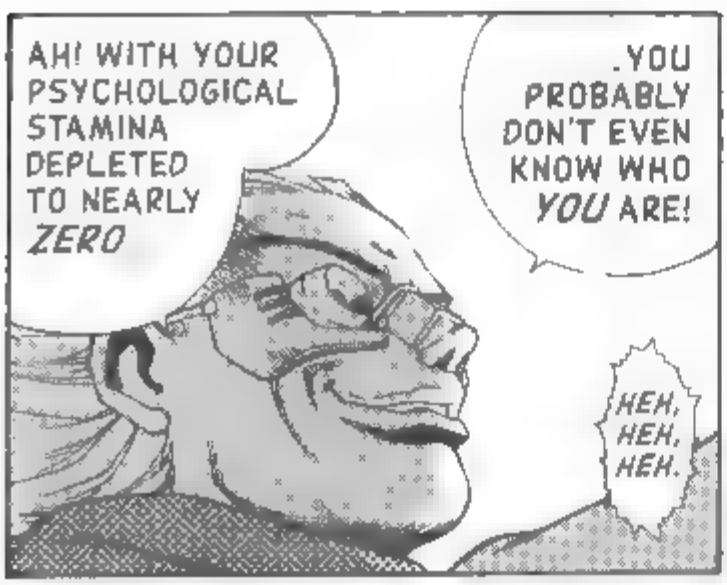


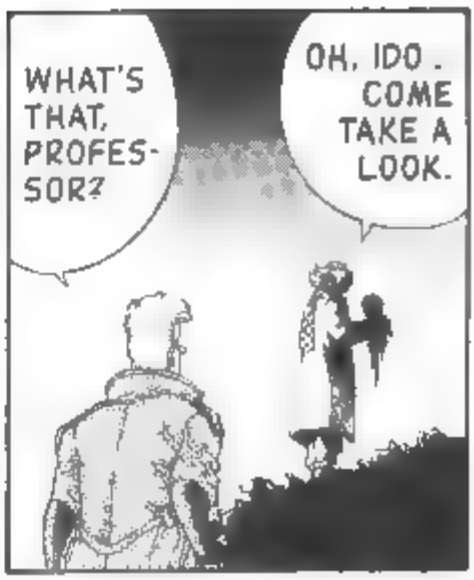
HEH, HEH, HEH

HEH, HEH, HEH, HEH! DON'T YOU LOOK PRETTY

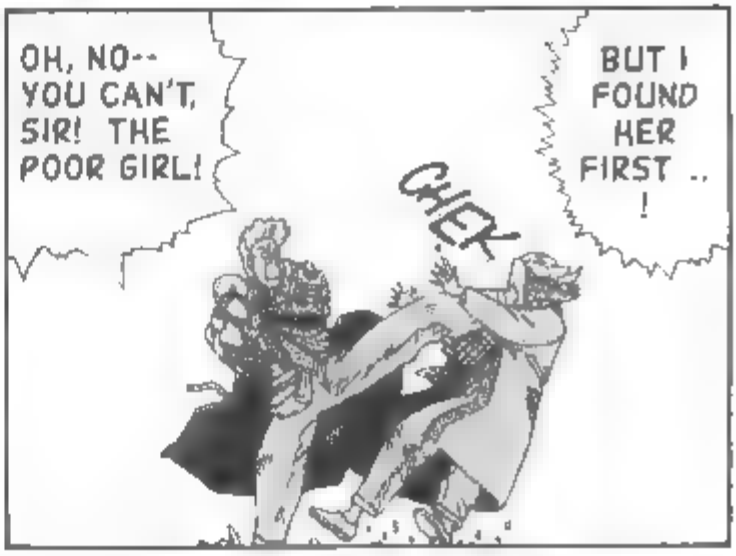
KYA HAHA HAHA-HA!

WHO ?
THIS MAN
SCARES ME


AH! WITH YOUR PSYCHOLOGICAL STAMINA DEPLETED TO NEARLY ZERO
.YOU PROBABLY DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO YOU ARE!
HEH, HEH, HEH.


WHAT'S THAT, PROFES-SOR?
OH, IDO . COME TAKE A LOOK.

A GIRL!? IS SHE ALIVE!?
NICE, ISN'T IT? SHE'S GOING TO BE TONIGHT'S EXPERIMENT.

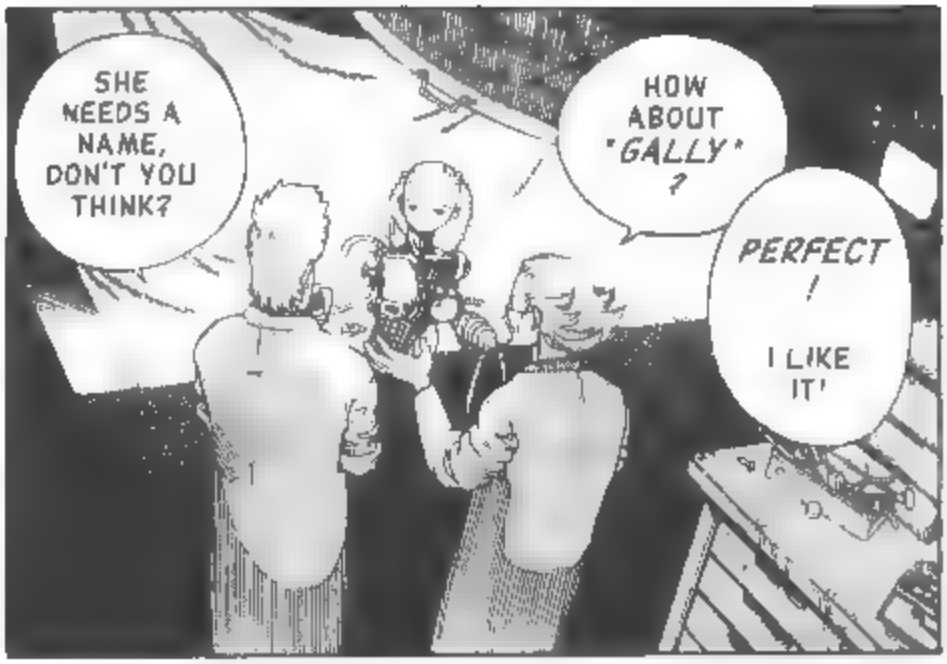

OH, NO-- YOU CAN'T, SIR! THE POOR GIRL!
CHEK
BUT I FOUND HER FIRST .. !

I FEEL SAFE... WITH HIM .

?
HOW ODD! OH, WELL. .

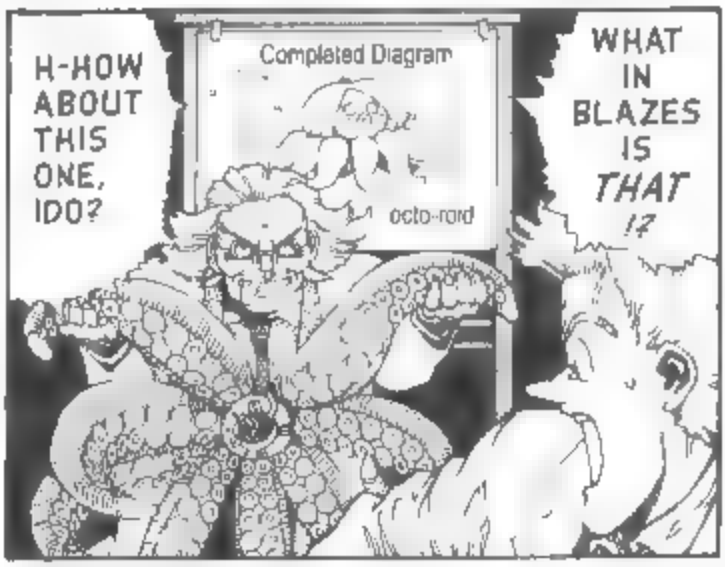
. THIS WON'T PREVENT ME FROM DROWNING HER IN THE SWEET CREAM OF LIFE! I'LL WEAR AWAY AT HER BLADES UNTIL THERE'S NO FIGHT LEFT IN HER
HEH, HEH, HEH...

Cyber-Technician
and
Karma Research Institute
MAX HEADROOM 2 OM


SHE NEEDS A NAME, DON'T YOU THINK?
HOW ABOUT "GALLY"?
PERFECT! I LIKE IT!

STARTING TODAY, YOUR NAME IS GALLY!
"GALLY"?

OKAY, NOW I'LL BEGIN RESTORING YOUR BODY.

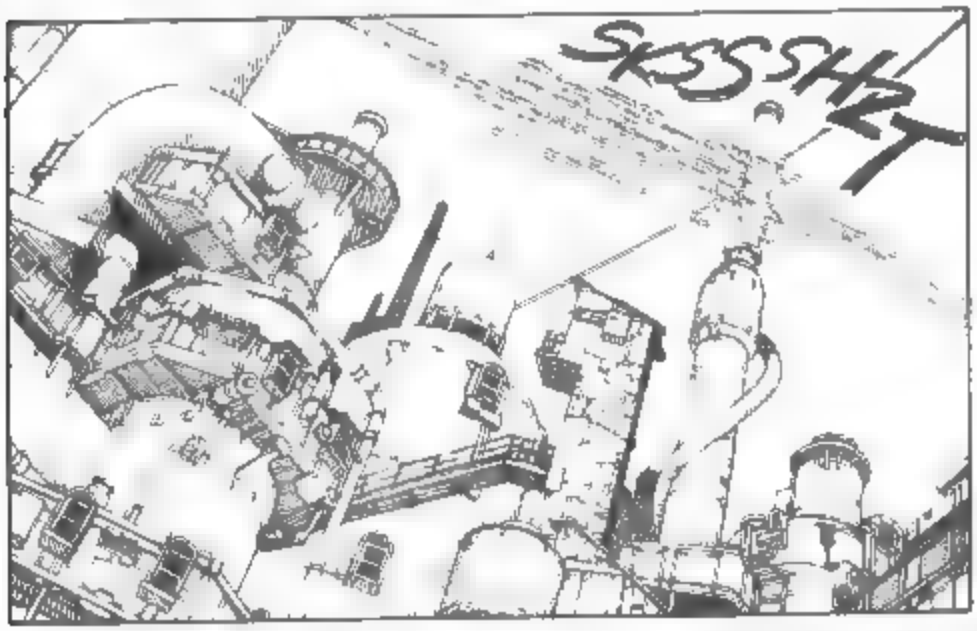

H-HOW ABOUT THIS ONE, IDO?
Completed Diagram
octo-rord
WHAT IN BLAZES IS THAT!?

GALLY'S LIFE IS OURS, IDO. LET'S ENJOY IT!
H-HER LIFE IS HER OWN!

I JUST WANT TO MAKE HER BEAUTIFUL!

I GET IT! YOU WANT TO TURN HER INTO A LIFE SIZE DRESS-UP DOLL
WELL, UM... UH.. SORT OF..

ALITA!
I--I'LL RESCUE YOU FROM THAT DREAM-TRAP!
I'LL USE MY PSYCHOMETRY TO ENTER THE COMPUTER-- TO DESTROY THE OUROBOROS PROGRAM FROM THE INSIDE!
I'VE ALWAYS FEARED THE HEART OF A MACHINE
BUT I HAVE TO DO THIS! WHATEVER IT TAKES!
PSYCHO-ACTIVE !!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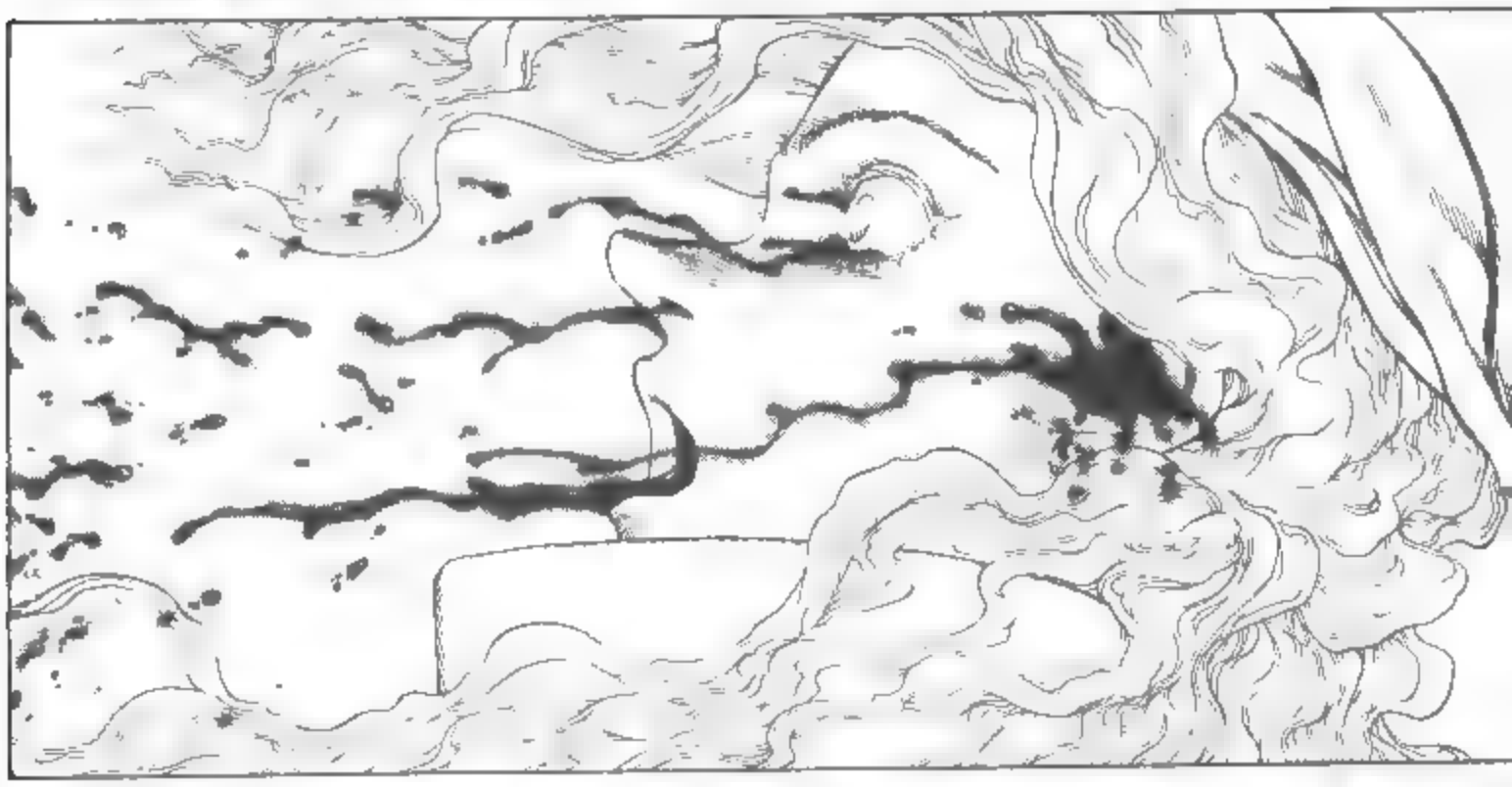
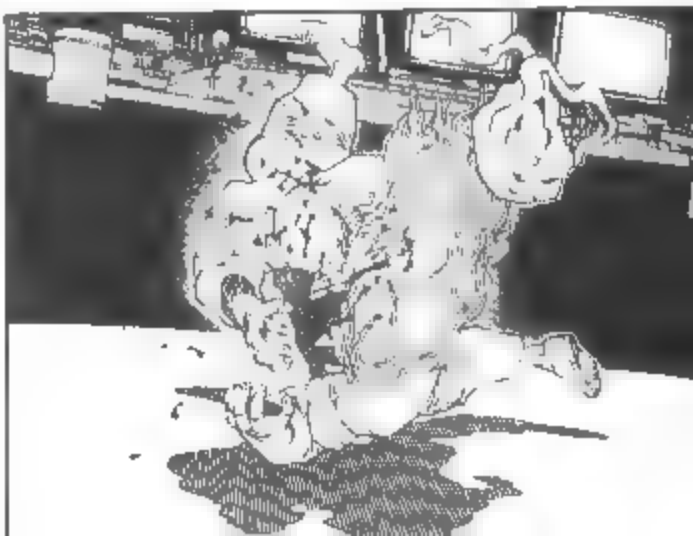
SILLY BOY..
THE OUROBOROS PROGRAM IS MELDED INTO THE *TUNED'S* DIGITAL LINK-- UTTERLY SAFE FROM OUTSIDE FORCES.



TO THINK THAT HE IMAGINES A SINGLE HUMAN MIND CAN TAKE ON THE HYPER COMPUTERS OF BOTH TIPHARES *AND* MY GRANITE INN RIDICULOUS!
SUFFER MY SON! *REALIZE* YOUR IMPOTENCE!



M-
MY
HEART.

...IT'S
STOPPED
!

.....

FEH

FEH, HEH, HEH! HA, HA, HA!

HA, HA, HA!
HA, HA, HA, HA!

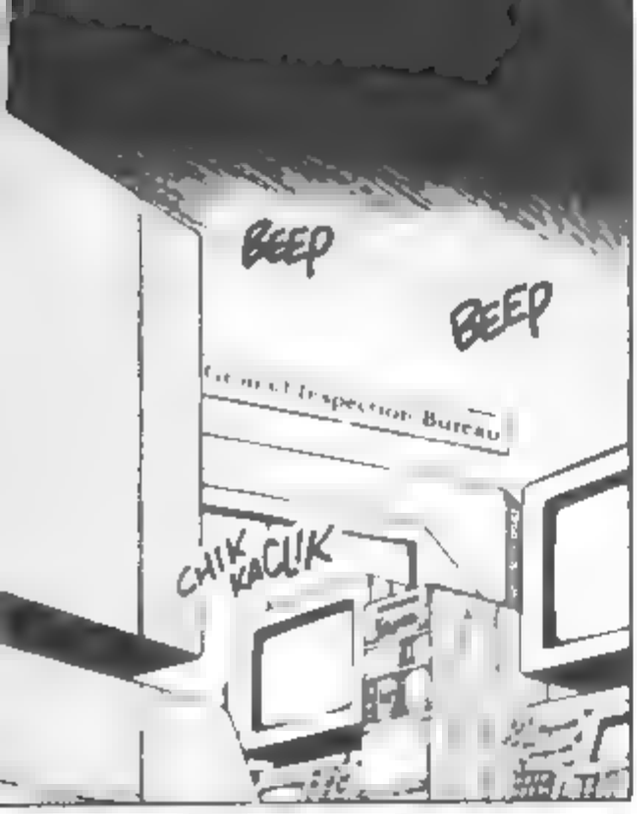
POOM
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE ME, OLD MAN!
KATASHZ

SKESH
SKAK

TAKE MY LIFE, YOU MADMAN...!
SHSSH
SSSHTT

BUT IN *RETURN*, I'M *ENDING* THIS NIGHTMARE!

KEEE
EE
EEE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BEEP
Inspector Bureau
CHIK KaCLIK

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SHAGHT
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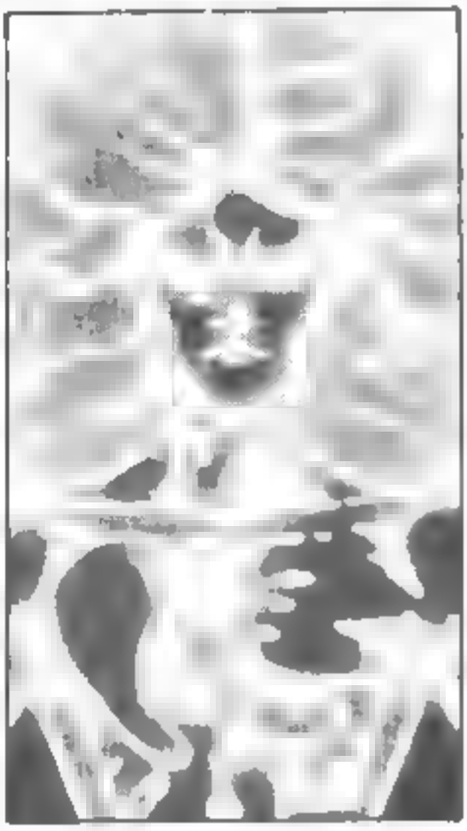
ZZWOAMM



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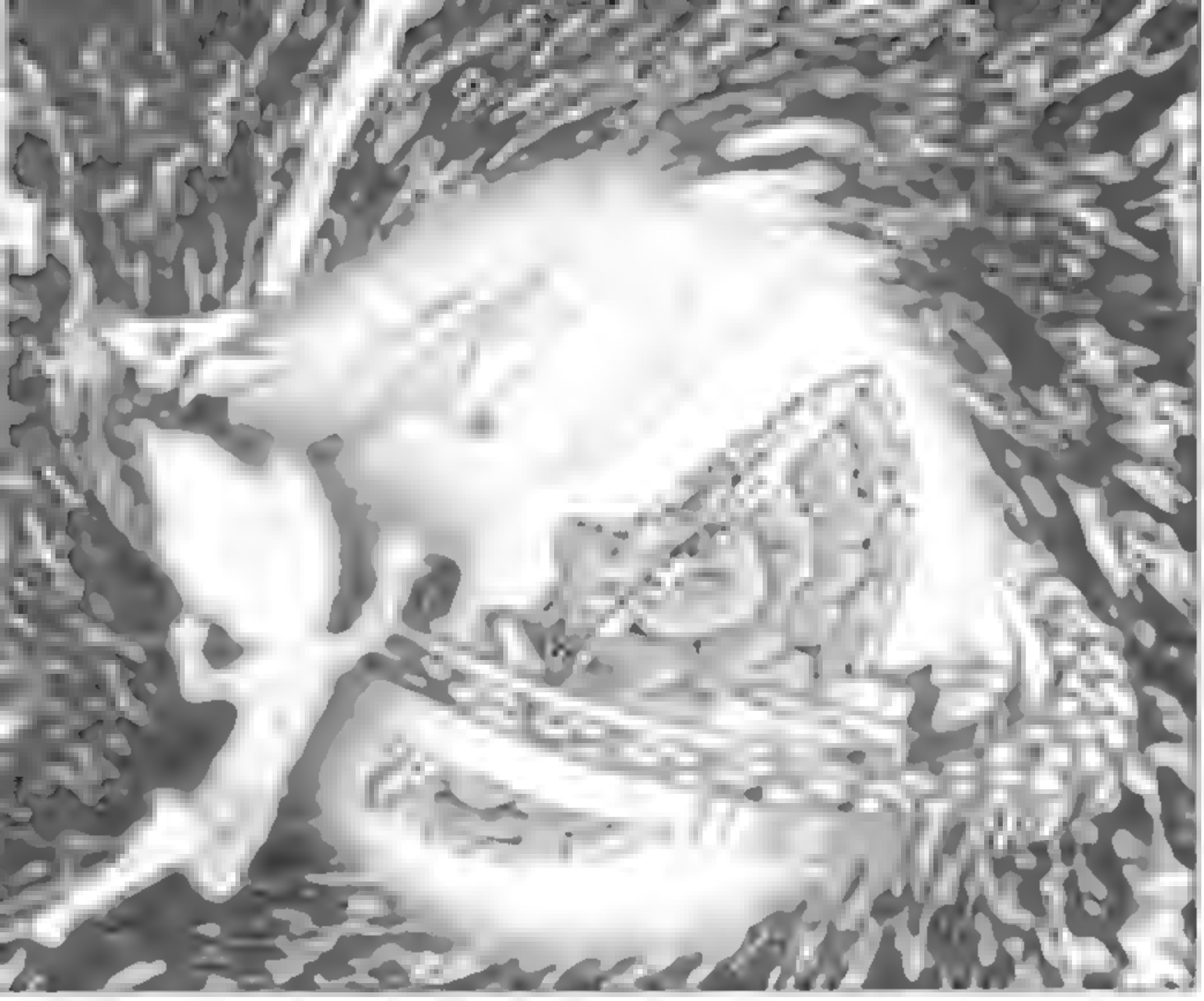
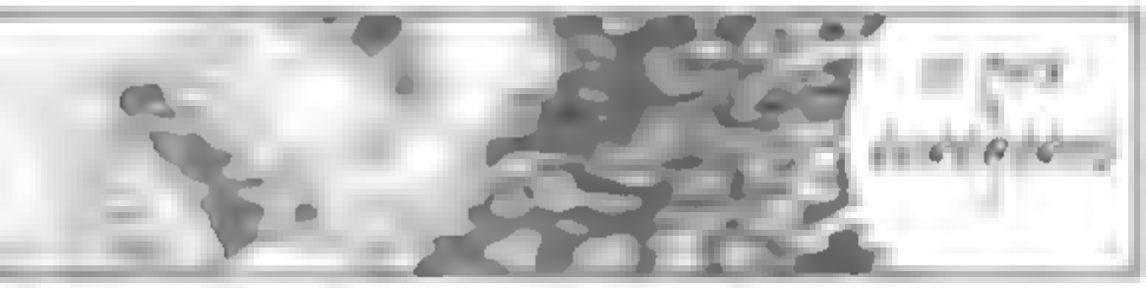
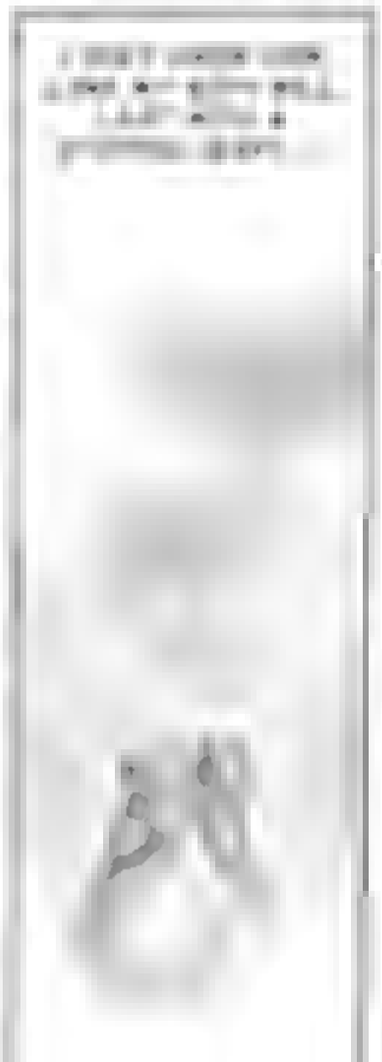
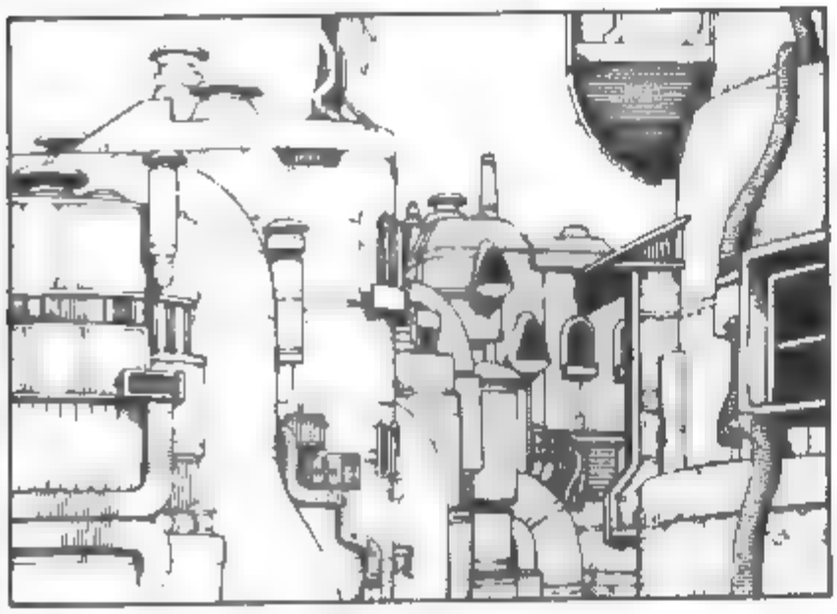
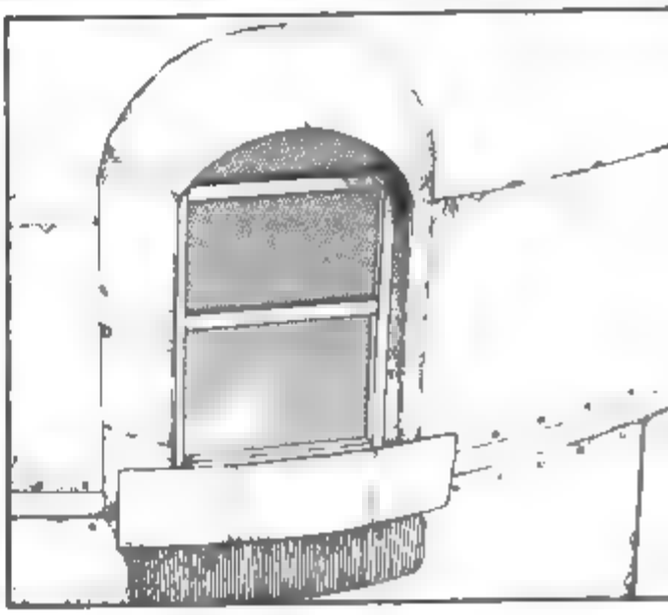
BABLAM



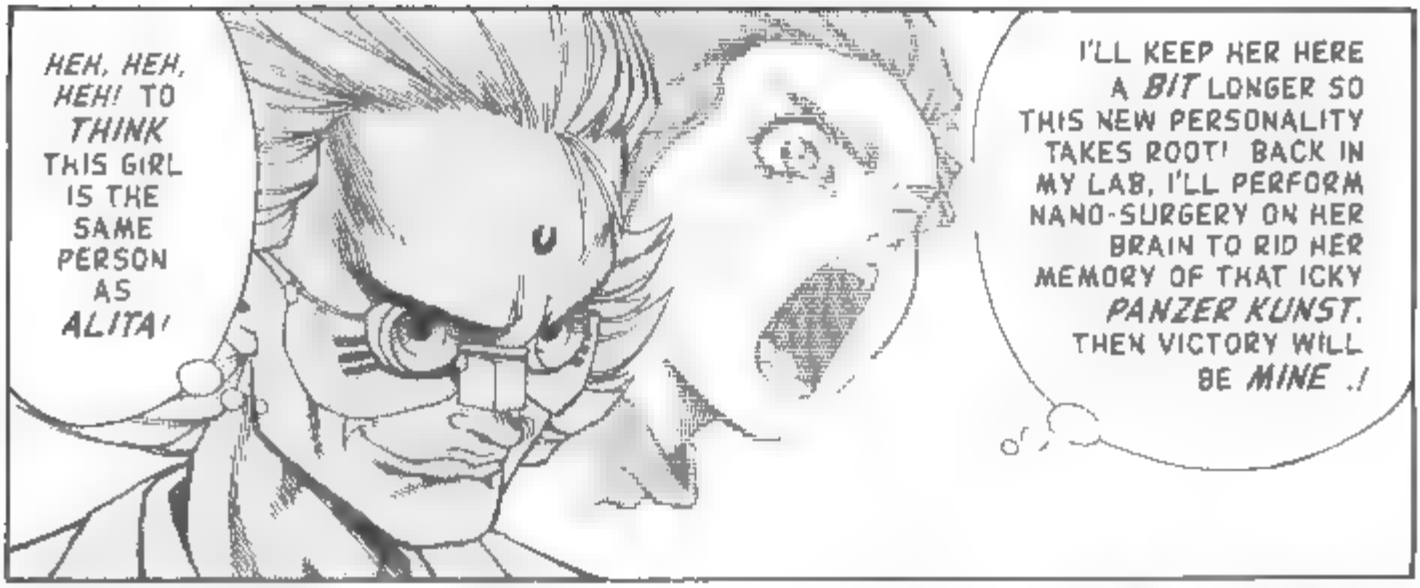


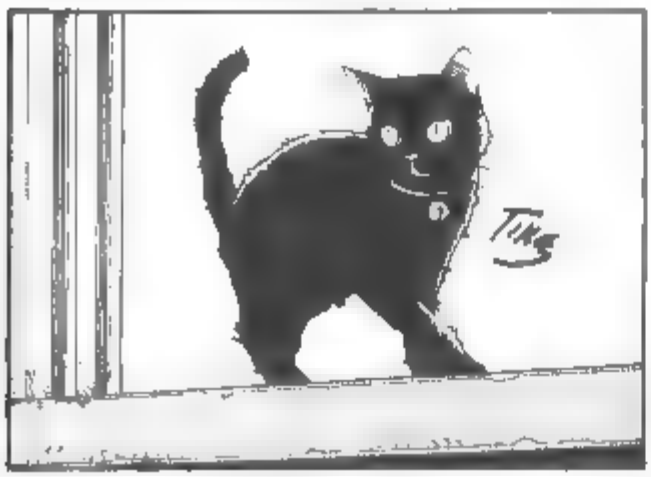


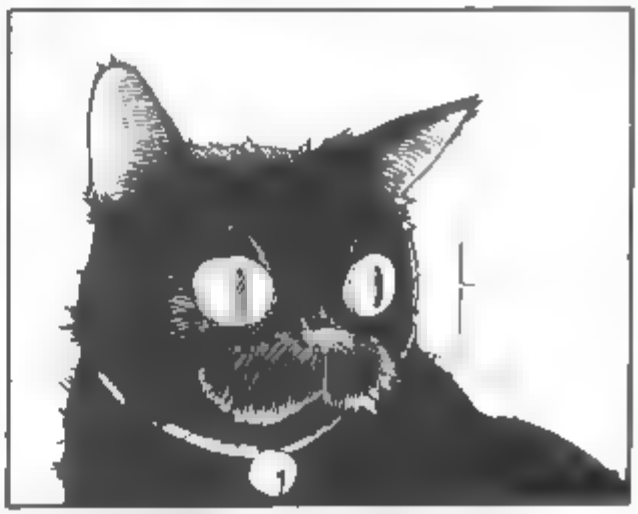




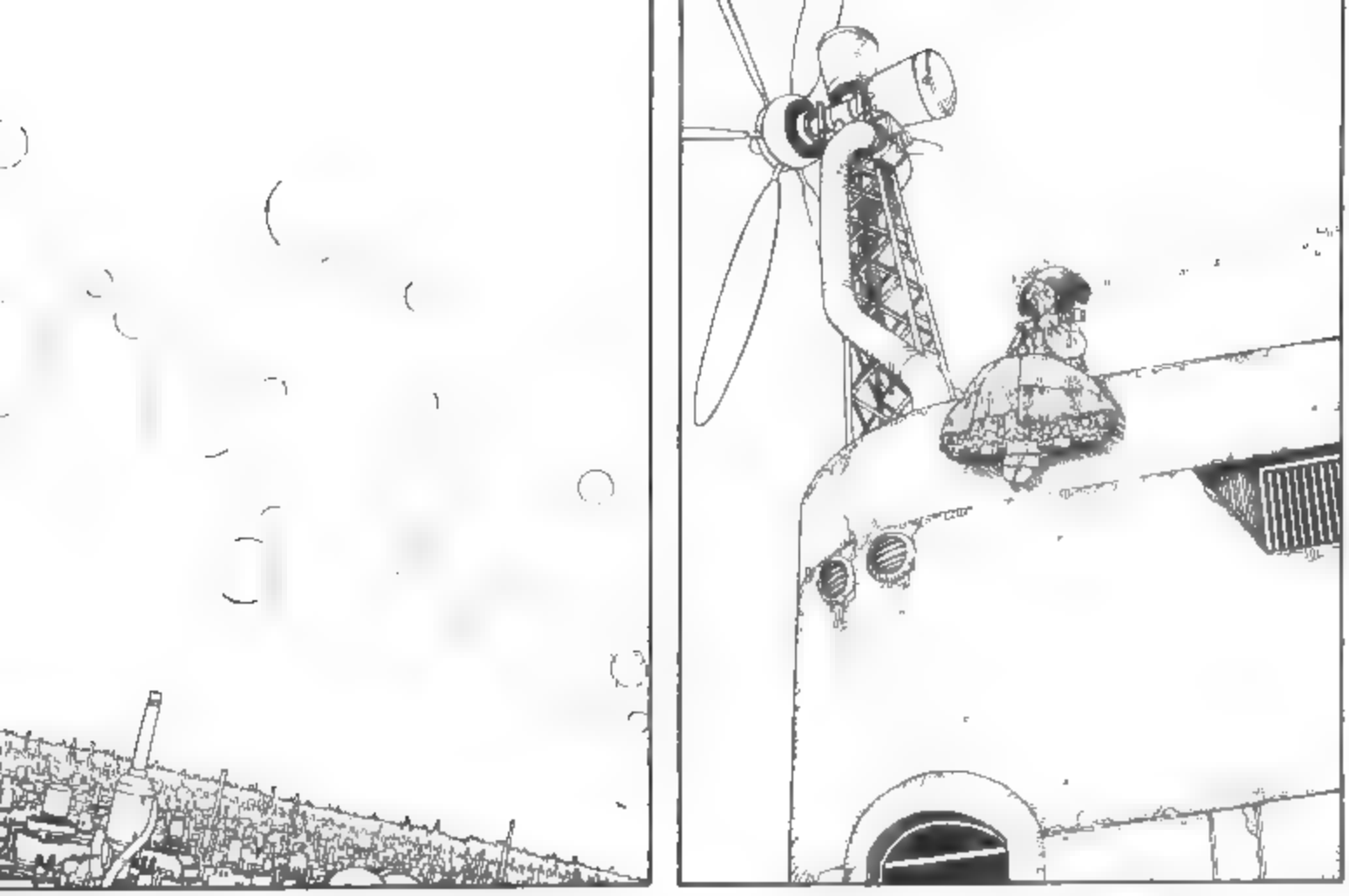
ALREADY A MONTH HAS PASSED IN THIS DREAM WORLD...
SO LITTLE GALLY DO YOU WANT ANYTHING? I CAN MAKE YOU SOME FRIENDS! JUST NAME YOUR HEART'S DESIRE!
um!
I WANT SOME FLAN
ERK JUST ONE BITE
AHH
SOME DAY I WANT TO BE A DOCTOR LIKE YOU, IDO.
THAT'S NICE, DEAR--BUT IF YOU DON'T GET SOME EXERCISE, YOUR JOINTS WILL HARDEN
BUT I PREFER TO READ.

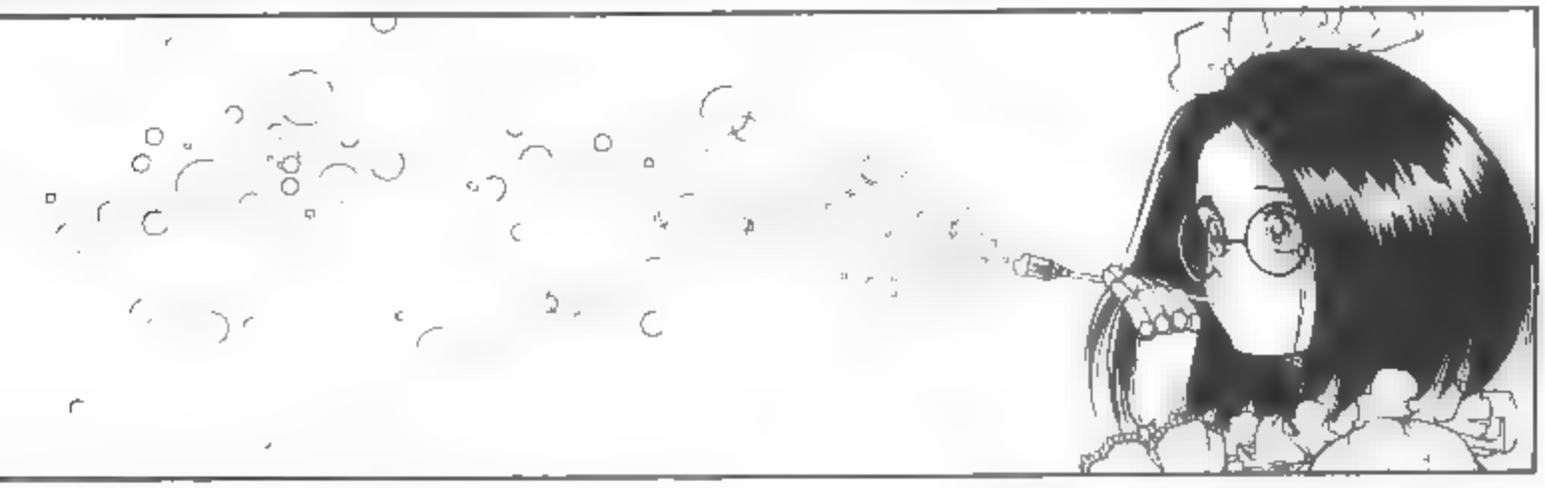


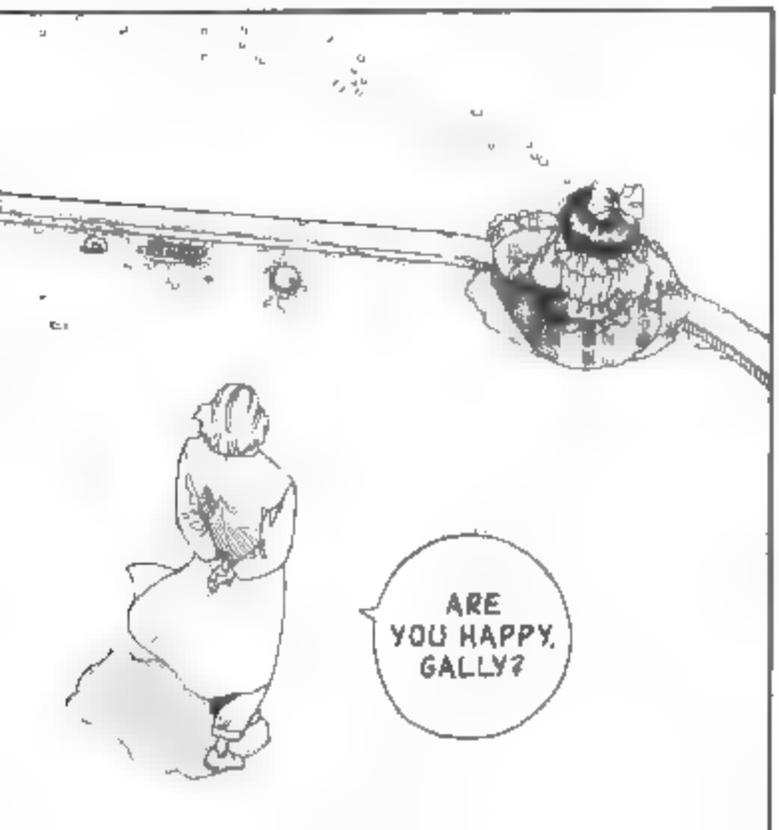




* "ALITA" WAS THE NAME OF IDO'S CAT WHO DIED BEFORE IDO FOUND ALITA IN THE [illegible]
(SEE THE FIRST BATTLE ANGEL ALITA GRAPHIC NOVEL)



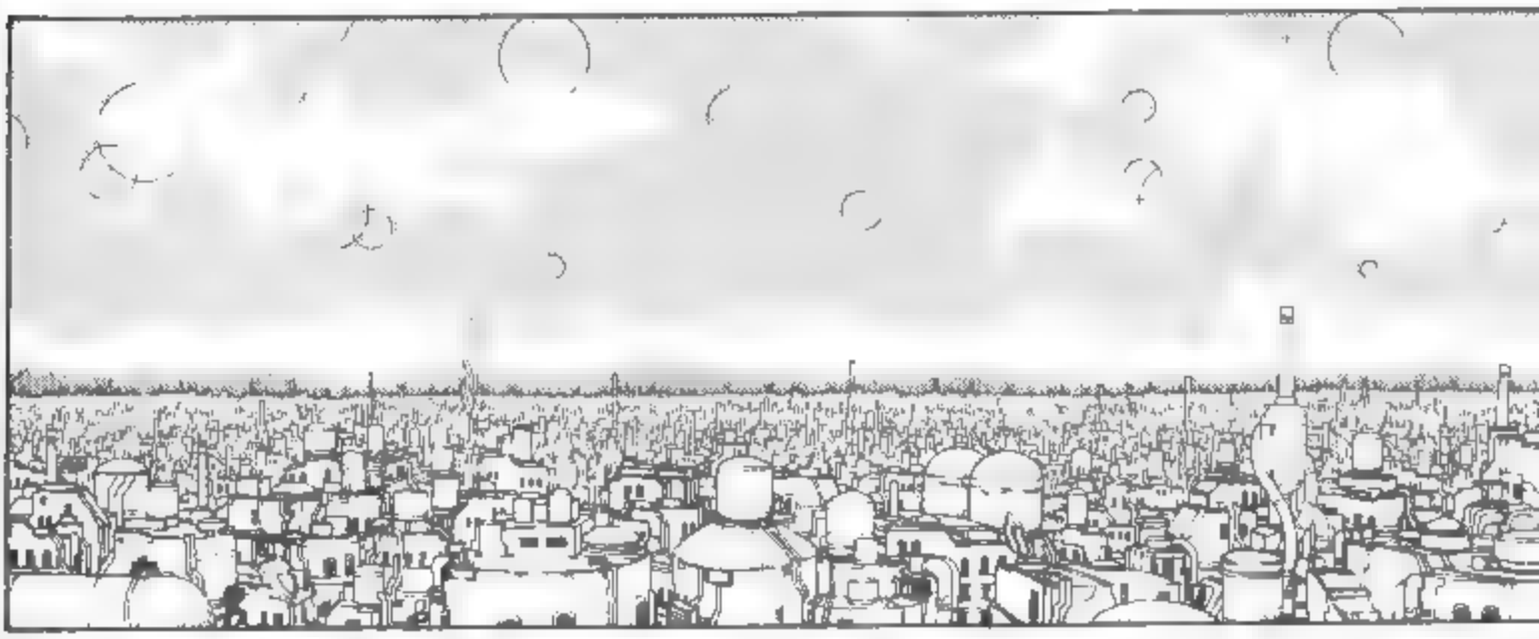


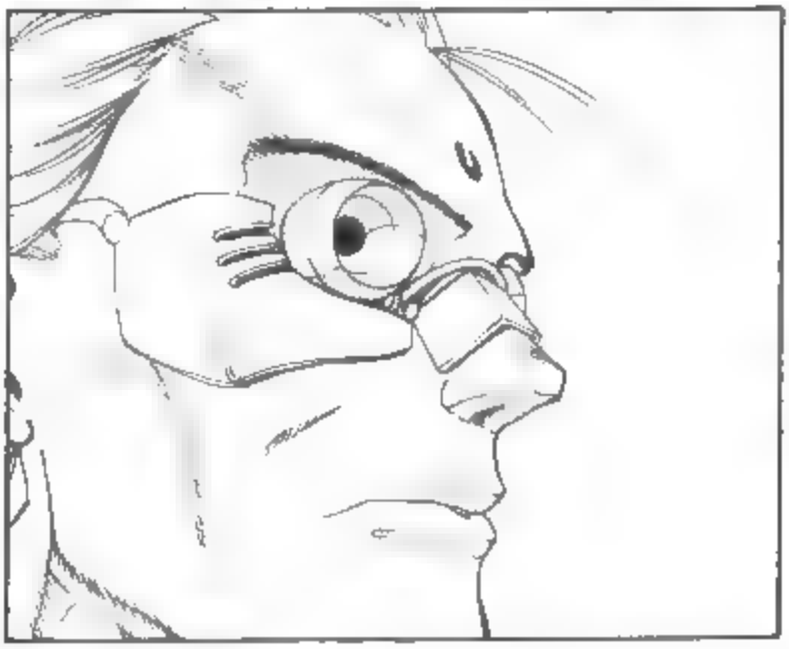

ARE YOU HAPPY, GALLY?

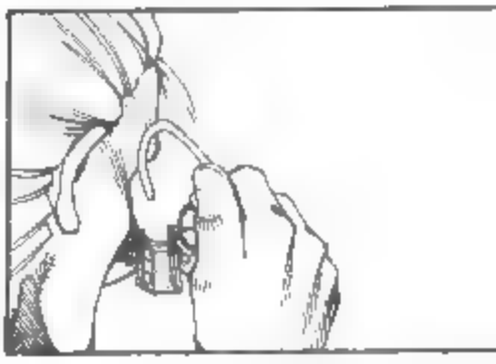
SO YOU LIKE BUBBLES, DO YOU? I CAN INSTALL AN INTERNAL BUBBLE MACHINE IN YOU
SHAMPOO
UH NO THANKS

UNCLE NOVA, DO YOU LOVE SOME-ONE?
LOVE SOMEONE ?

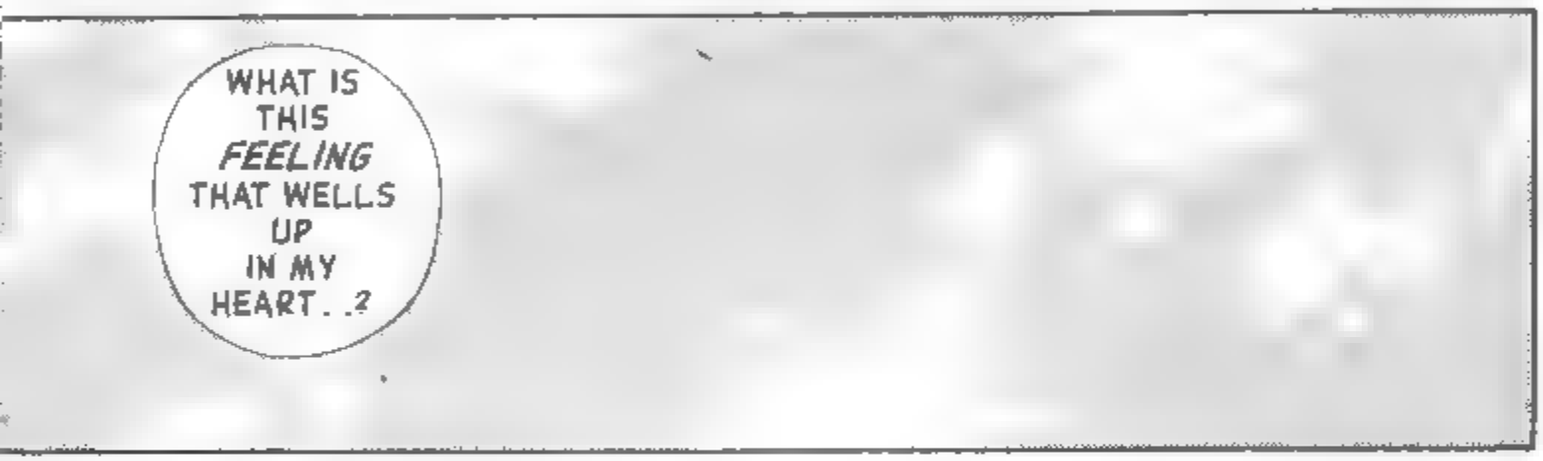
HMM
THERE WAS THIS ONE WOMAN I WANTED TO DISSECT ONCE, BUT







...UNTIL NOW..
...WHAT WAS IT I WAS RUNNING TOWARD...?

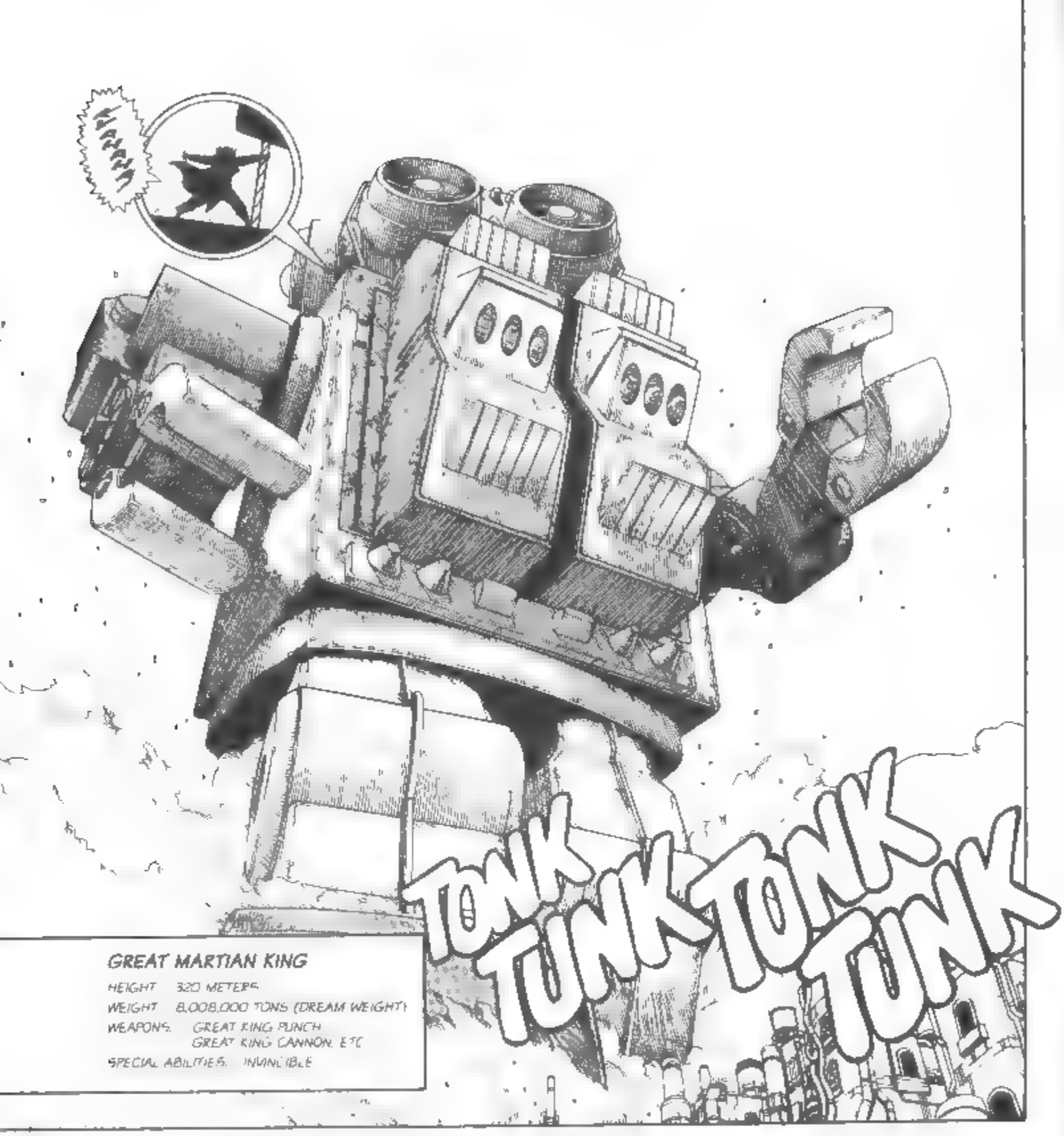

WHAT IS THIS FEELING THAT WELLS UP IN MY HEART..?

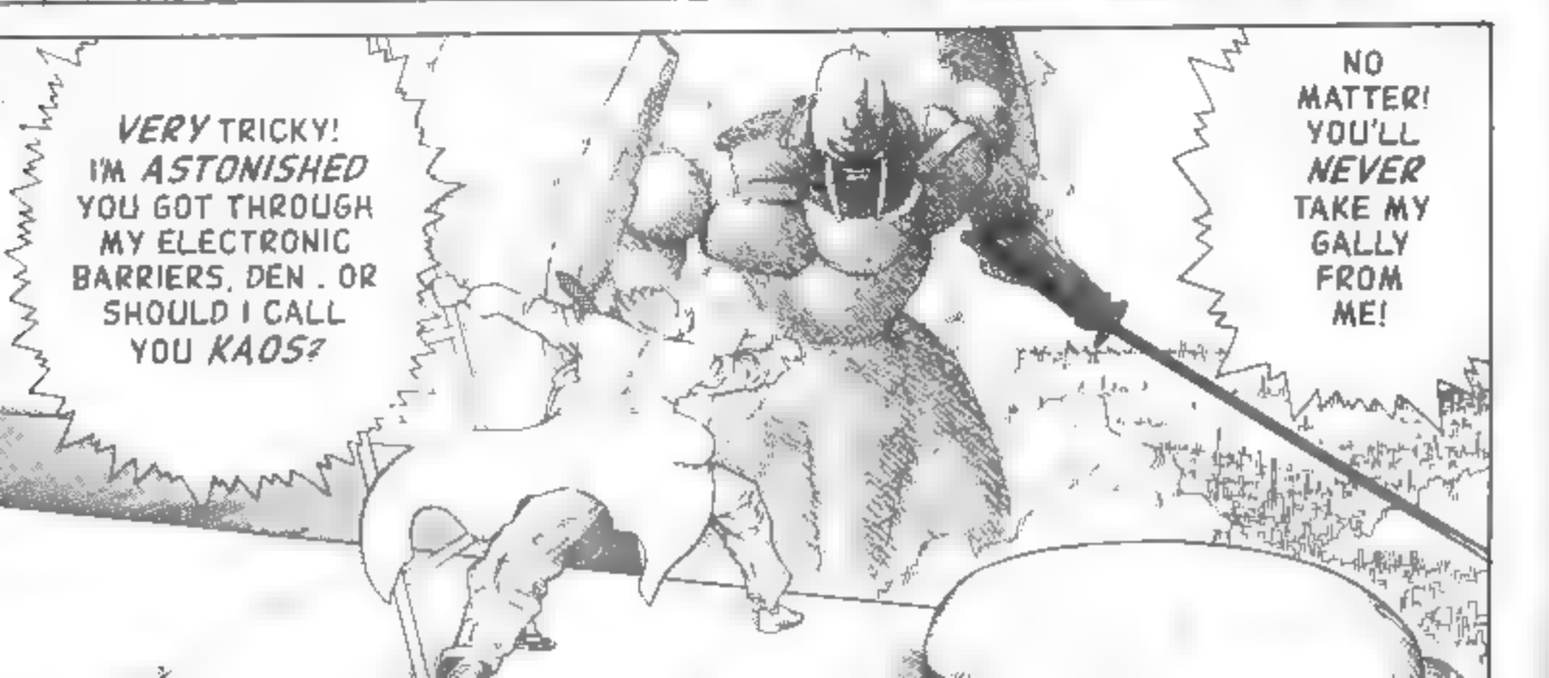
THAT THERE SHOULD BE AN END TO SUFFERING AND DEATH IN THIS WORLD. !
IF ONE CAN TRULY BELIEVE IN HAPPINESS... ONE CAN ONLY HAVE THIS PRAYER...

"LET THIS
MOMENT LAST...
FOREVER."

KRAKABOOM
BAWOOM
!?
WHISH
YAA ARGH!
FSCHHHA

BOOM!
BOOM!
PROFESSOR! GALLY! GET INSIDE, QUICK!
IDO!
IDO, TAKE CARE OF GALLY FOR ME
OKAY, PROFESSOR!
UNCLE NOVA!
GREAT MARTIAN KING! TIME FOR BATTLE!
VUM
WUM
UM
UM

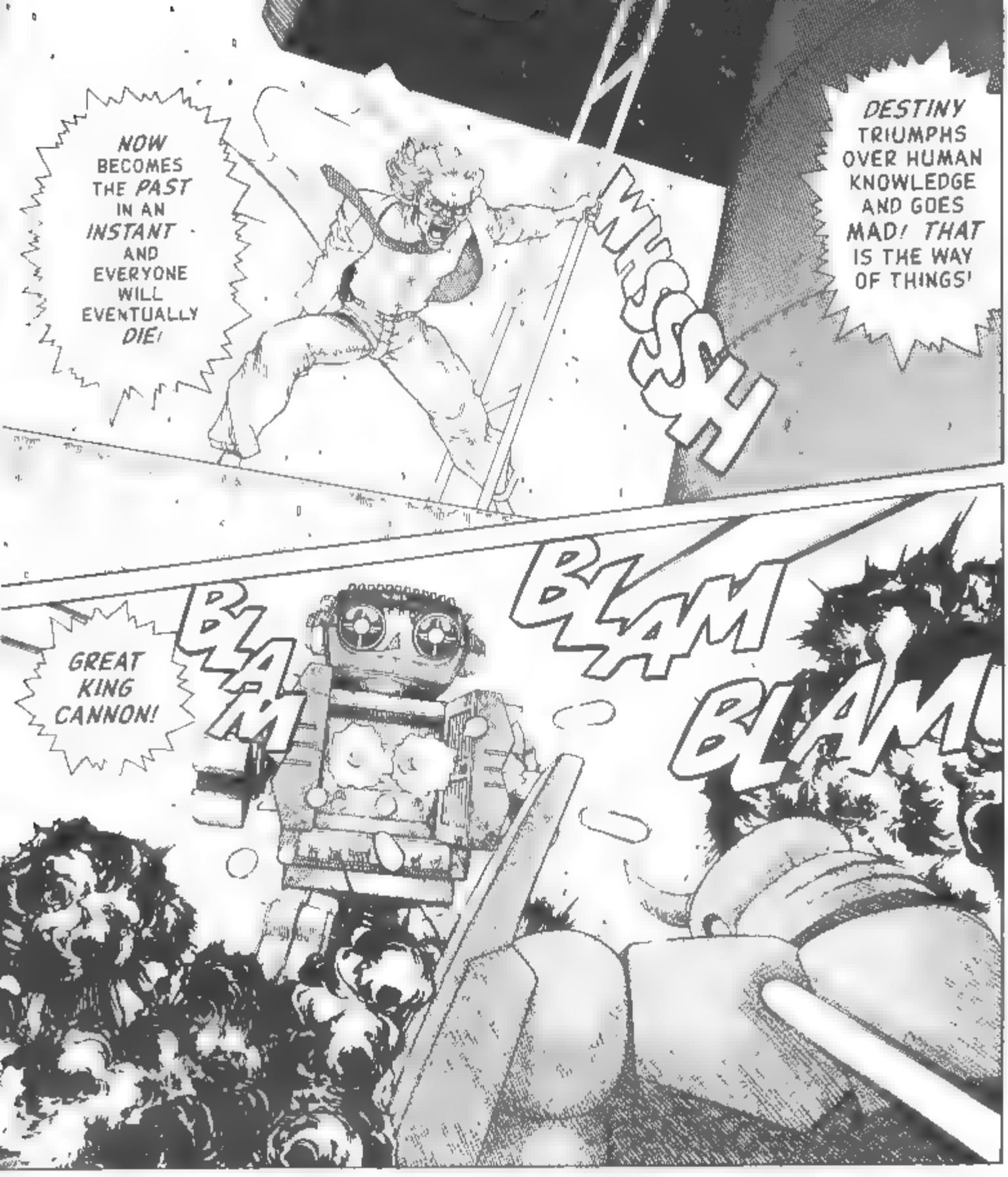

Hahah
TONK TUNK TONK TUNK
GREAT MARTIAN KING
HEIGHT 320 METERS
WEIGHT 8,008,000 TONS (DREAM WEIGHT)
WEAPONS: GREAT KING PUNCH
GREAT KING CANNON, ETC
SPECIAL ABILITIES: INVINCIBLE


VERY TRICKY! I'M ASTONISHED YOU GOT THROUGH MY ELECTRONIC BARRIERS, DEN . OR SHOULD I CALL YOU KAOS?
NO MATTER! YOU'LL NEVER TAKE MY GALLY FROM ME!

GWAAH!
SMASH

GAKEENG

GREAT KING PUNCH!
WHAM
BAM



A [illegible] THIS LAW THE ENTROPY OF THE UNIVERSE CONTINUALLY INCREASES. A HOT CUP OF TEA WILL [illegible] WHILE THE REVERSE WILL NEVER HAPPEN. BY EXTRAPOLATION WE CONCLUDE THAT [illegible] WILL EVENTUALLY GROW [illegible] REACHING A STATE WHERE NO STARS OR EVEN TIME EXIST

RMB RMB RMB
RMBRMB
WE'RE SAFE DOWN HERE
DON'T WORRY THE PROFESSOR WILL DEFEAT THAT MONSTER!
PAPOOM
RMBRMB
PAPOOM
PAPOOM
I DO.
I-I HAVE TO FIGHT, TOO.
THAT'S ABSURD!
WHY WOULD YOU-
Ting
BECAUSE

I'LL BE FIGHTING FOR *MYSELF*

.....

I *KNEW* THIS WAS A DREAM

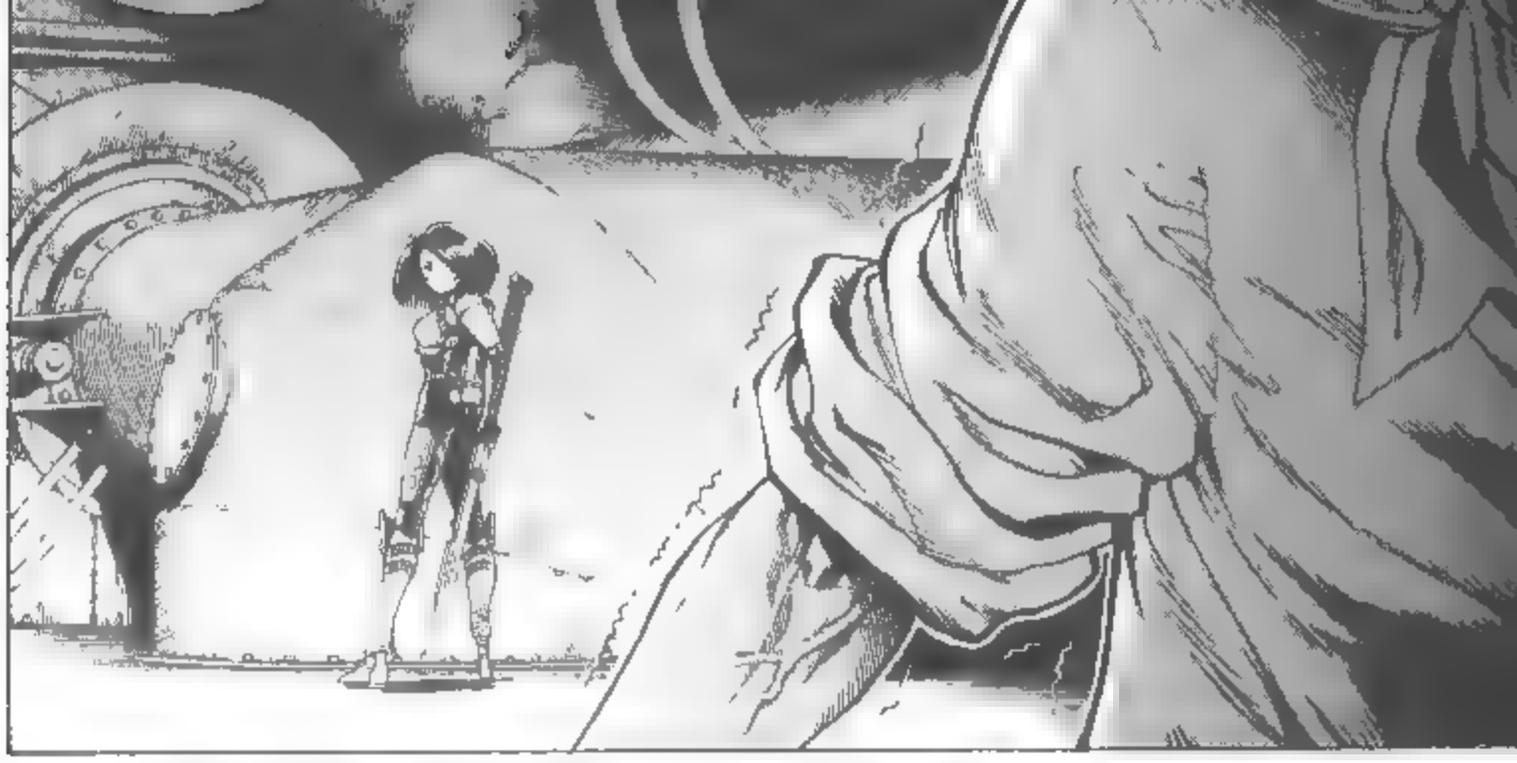
.AND I LET MYSELF ENJOY IT

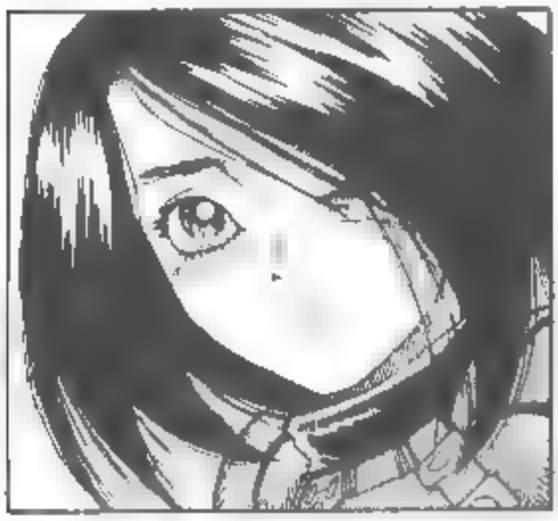
BUT NOW I HAVE TO GO.

YOU BE CAREFUL

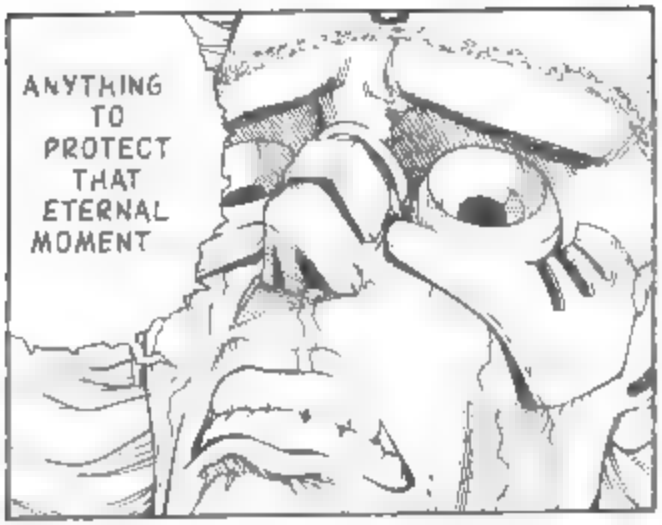
ALITA

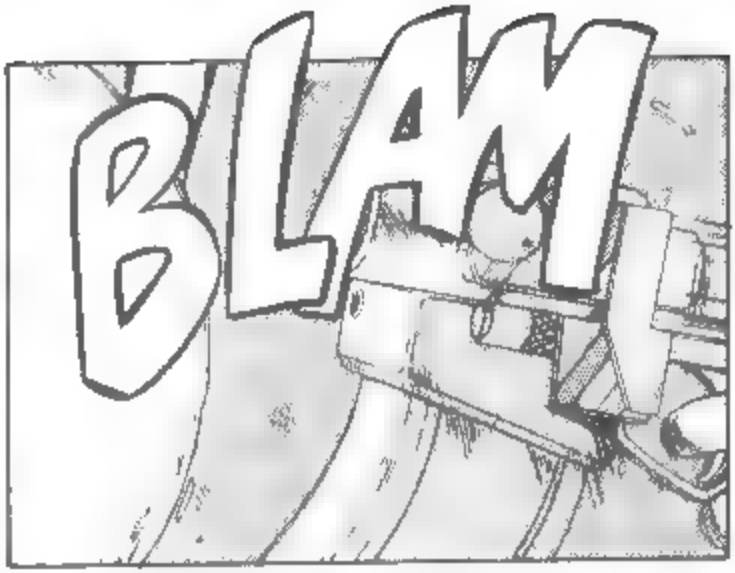
WOOOW
IMPOSSIBLE
FWA FWA SH
ALITA !
TH-THIS IS MY DREAM!
PLEASE DON'T DESTROY IT!



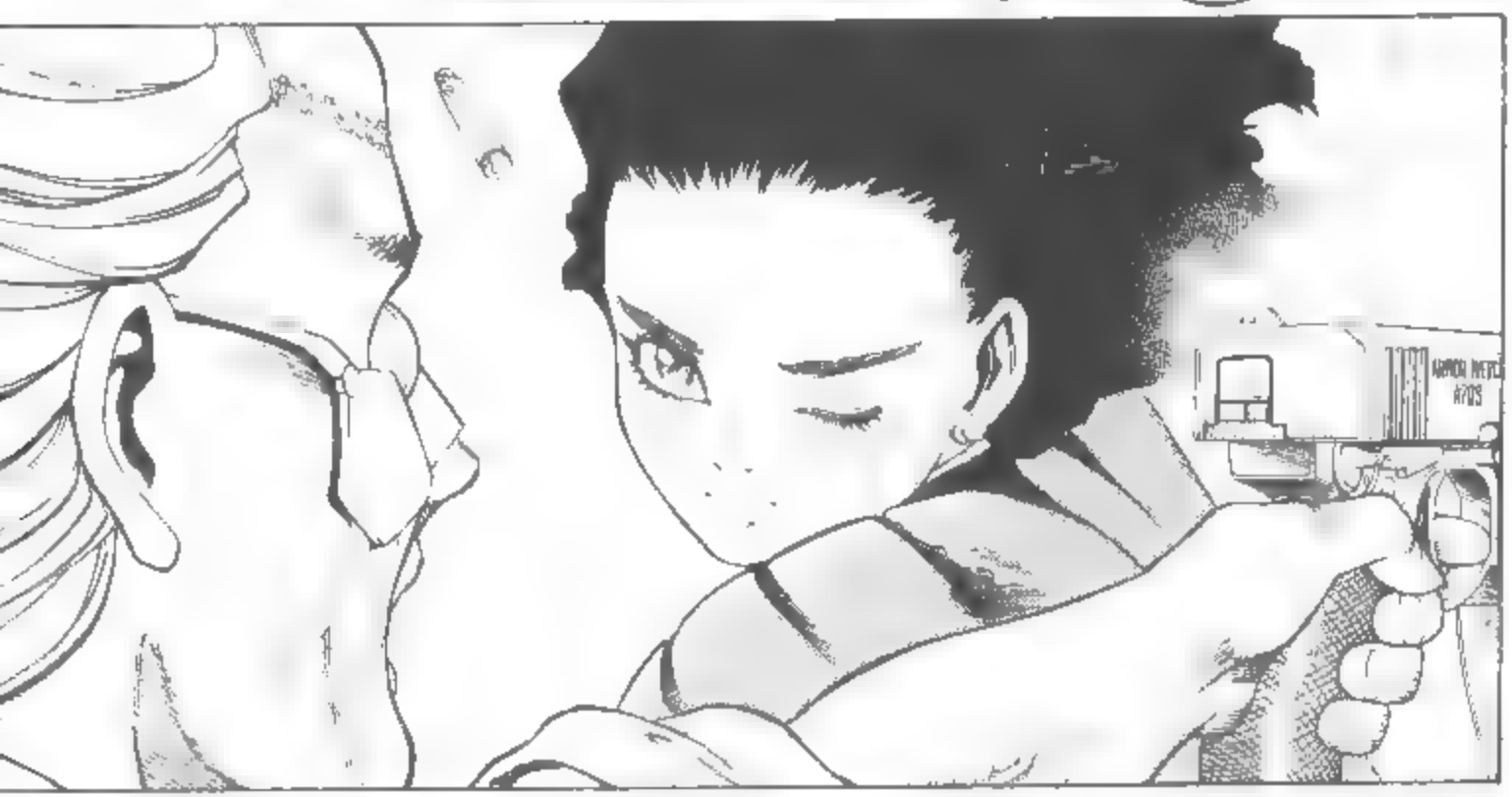


I WOULD DO *ANYTHING* TO PROTECT YOU .


ANYTHING TO PROTECT THAT ETERNAL MOMENT

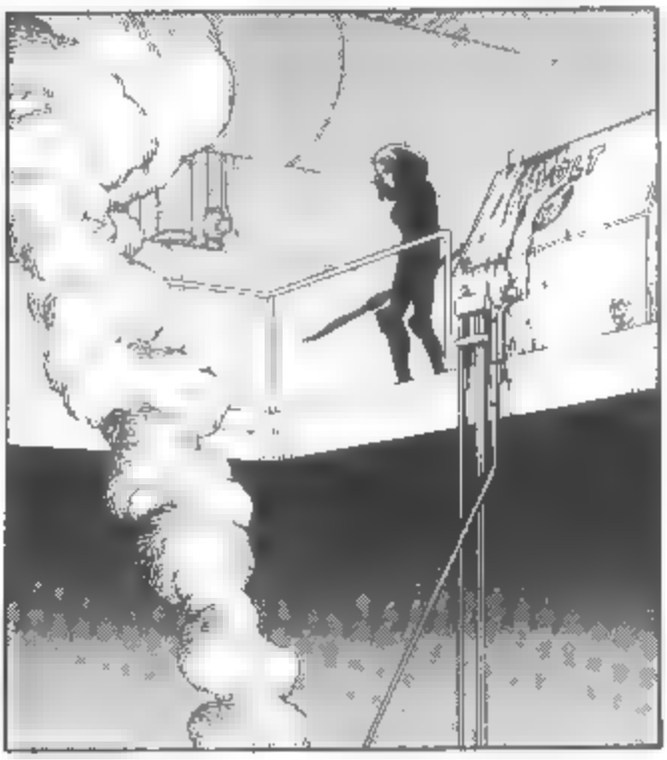

BLAM

BANOOSH

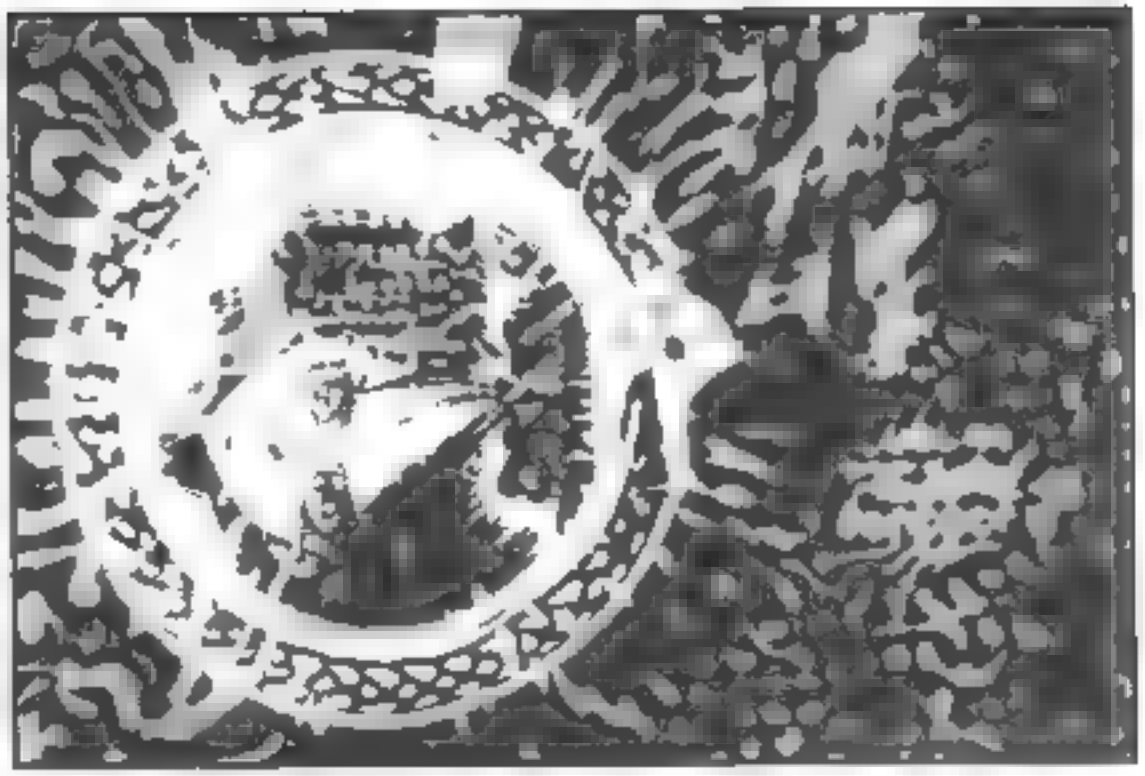


SKLISH

BZZT
BZZT



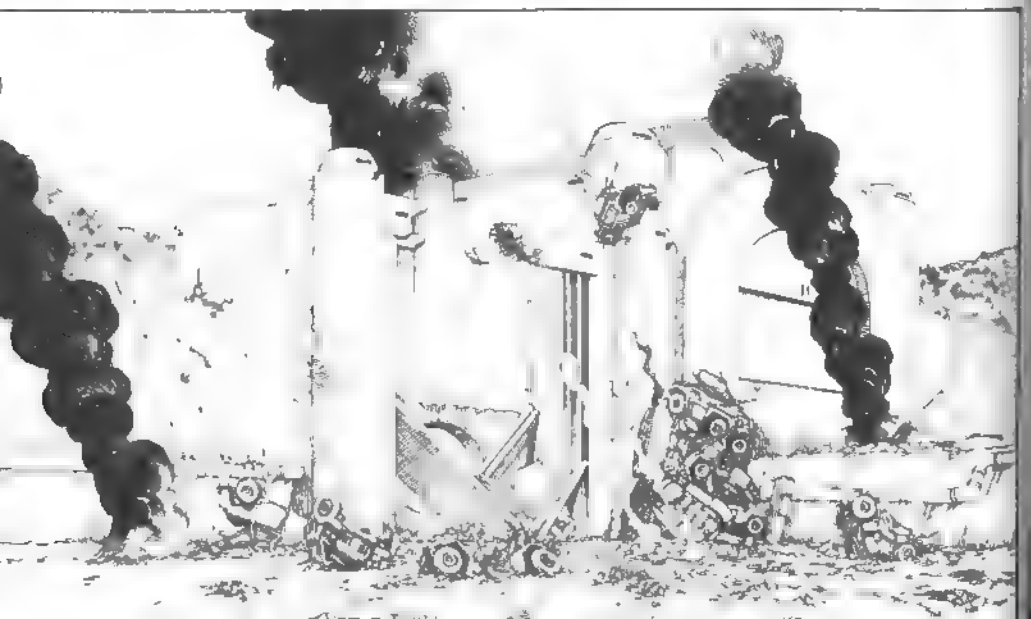
THE SAME GOES FOR ME

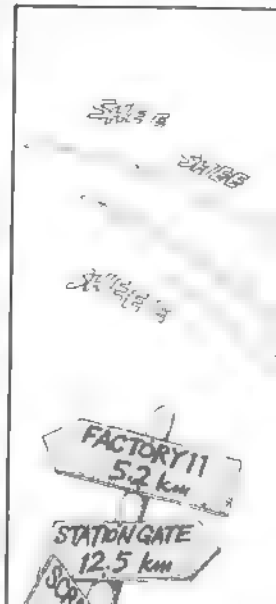


LAST BLADE
Challenge 3: Fortune

SHAA
FACTORY DEFENSE

WHSHH




FACTORY 11
5.2 km
STATION GATE
12.5 km

BOOM BWOOM BOOM
TA
TOOM
TA
TOOM

GYAA ARGH !!
AAAAH! IT'S A MONSTER!
Z-82
Z-67
OH, GOD !
SKRAK
WAAAH! HE'S COMIN' THIS WAY!
TA'OOM TA'OOM
REPAIR SHOP 2F
ESCORT MEDIATOR
YEEEEK !

ALL I CAN SEE ARE MERCENARIES! WHY HAVE THE MAIN TIPHAREAN FORCES STOPPED?
KOYOMI? ARE YOU ALIVE?
.....
BHAH!
KOFF KOFF
I'M FINE, LORD DEN!
AWWW, MAN! AND I TOLD THEM TO EVACUATE, TOO!
KACHIK
IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT FOR NOT LISTENING! LORD DEN-- STOMP 'EM!
KERPLA!
AAAAGH!

HEH, HEH, HEH! HAVE YOU NO FEAR OF DEATH, KOYOMI?

TAJOOM

NAH! MY EARS HAVE BEEN RINGING FOR A WHILE HELL, I FEEL LIKE I'M FLOATING ON A CLOUD.

NO, I'M NOT AFRAID !

BESIDES, FURY AND ALL THE OTHERS ARE DEAD...

WHEN *WE* DIE, WE'RE GOING TO LOOK DOWN UPON TIPHARES FROM THE *STARS*-- RIGHT!?

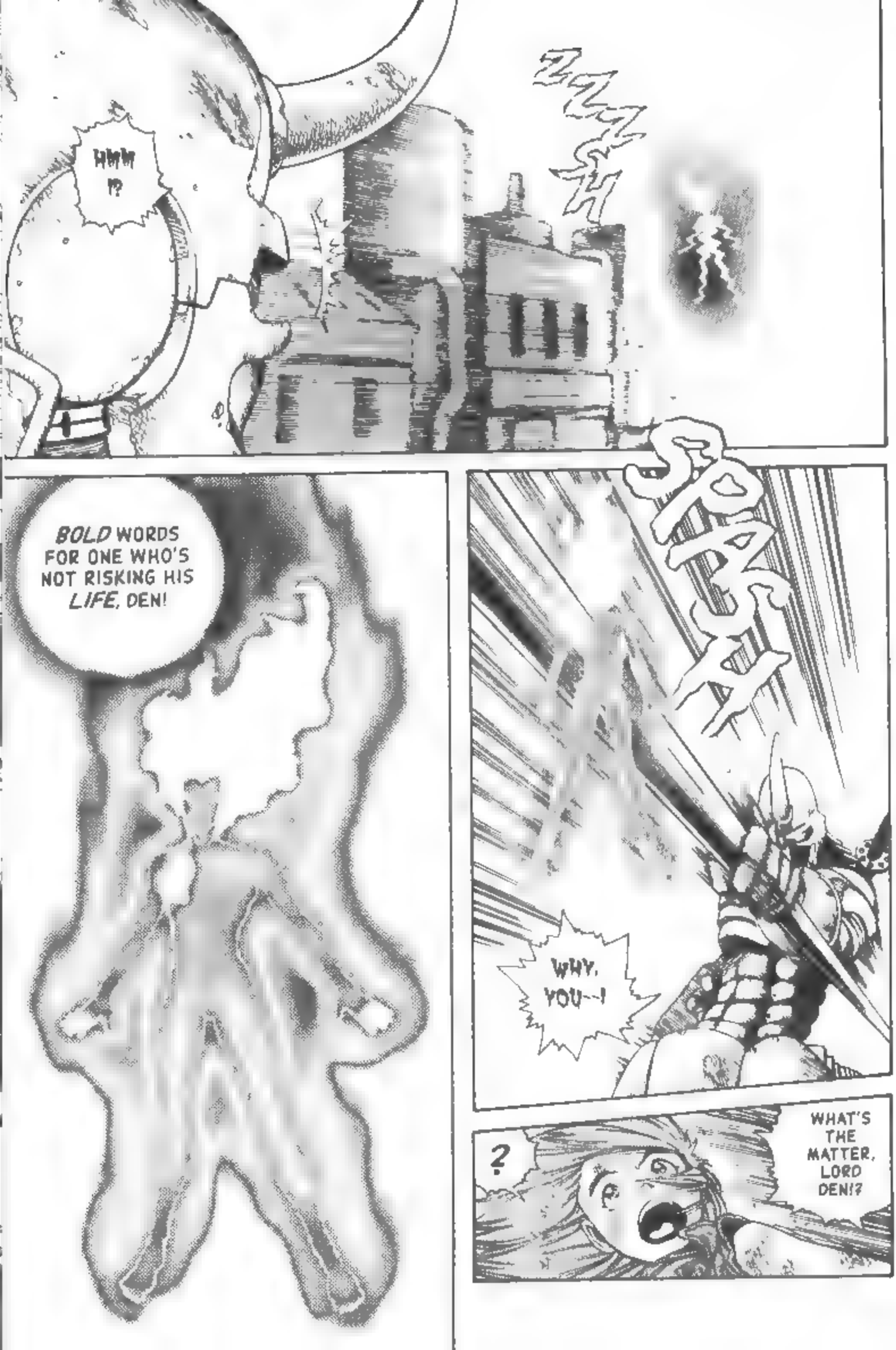
POIK POIK

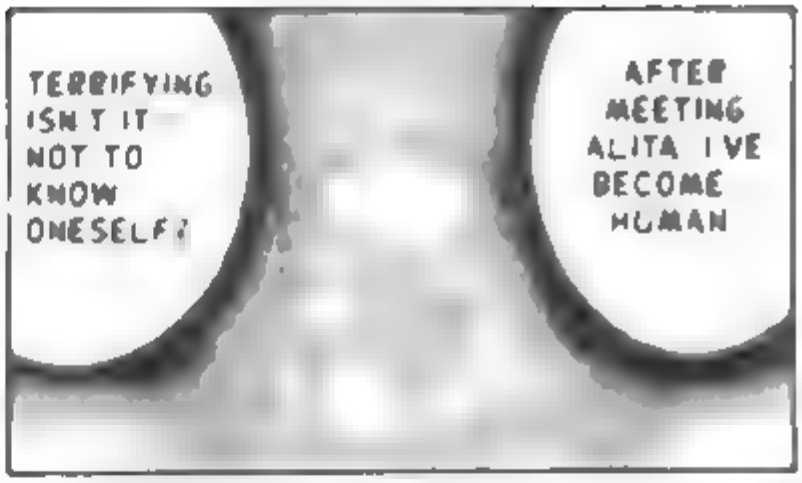
HAHAHA! THAT IS POETIC!

TEE HEE!

COWARD !

!?


HHH !?
ZZZZZZ
BOLD WORDS FOR ONE WHO'S NOT RISKING HIS LIFE, DEN!
SPASSA
WHY, YOU--!
?
WHAT'S THE MATTER, LORD DEN!?



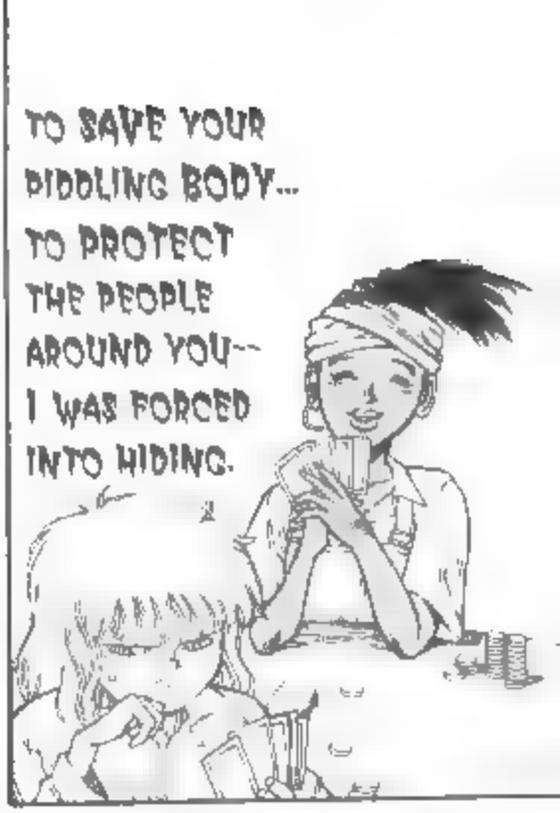
DEN YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A FIGMENT OF MY PSYCHE SEPARATED FROM MY BODY!

YOU WHO HAVE NO LIFE OF YOUR *OWN* CONTINUE TO WREAK DEATH UPON OTHERS! DO YOU THINK A *MAN* WOULD TOLERATE THAT!?

SKABASH
YOU DARE CALL ME A FIGMENT!?
EEEK!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF ME!?
I AM THE CHILD OF YOUR UNCONTROLLABLE RAGE...

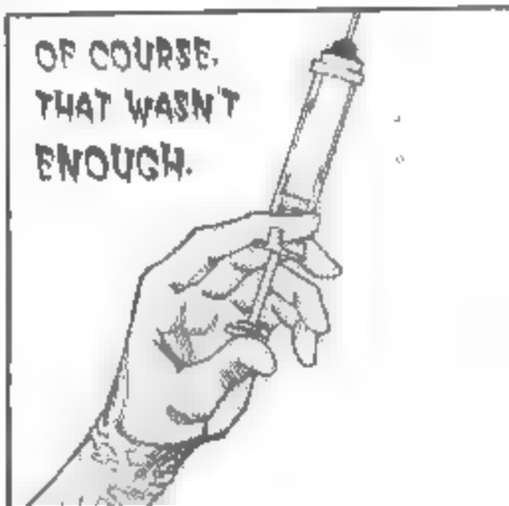
...RAGE THAT WOULD HAVE DESTROYED YOU!
?!
SKOK

WAAAAAH! IT HURRRRTS!
RETURNED TO KAOS

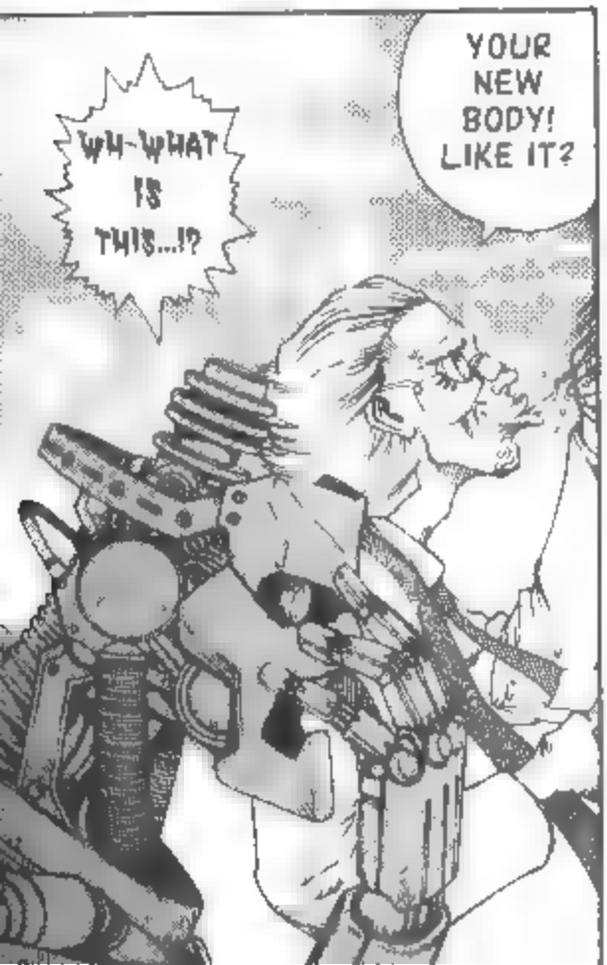

TO SAVE YOUR DIDDLING BODY... TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU-- I WAS FORCED INTO HIDING.

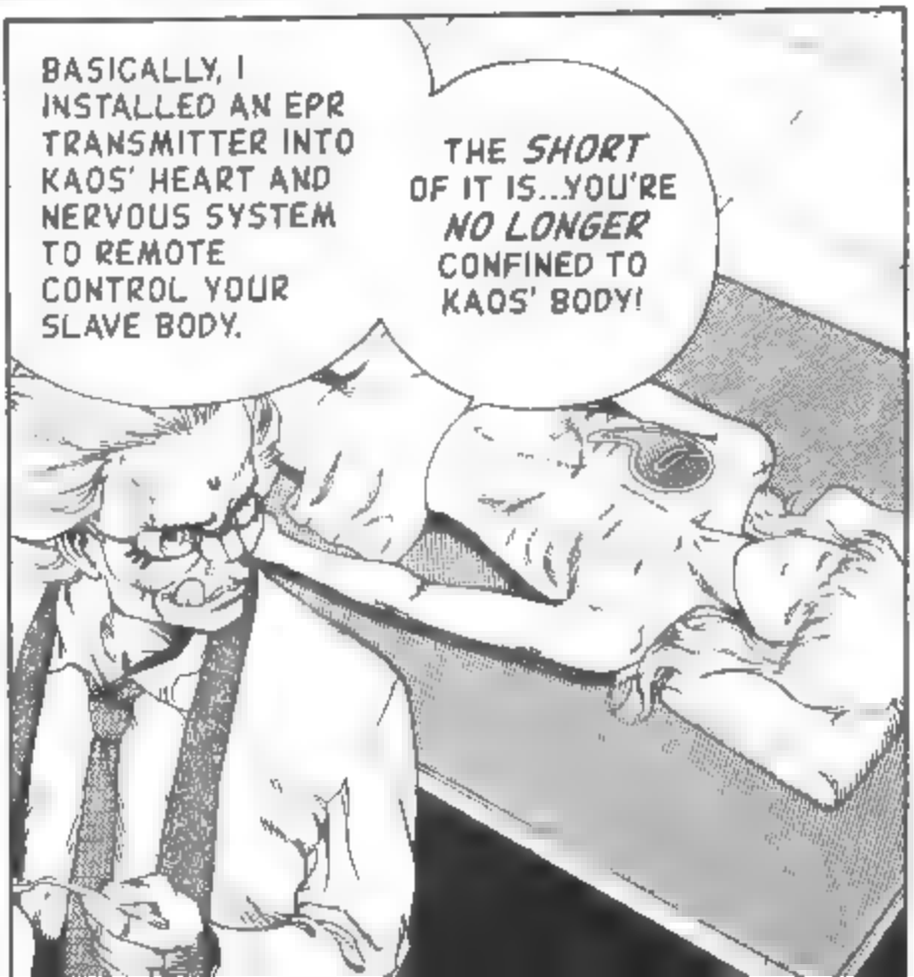
BUT IN MY FIFTEENTH OR SIXTEENTH YEAR, SOMETHING CAUSED ME TO LOSE CONTROL--NEARLY KILLING NOVA AND HIS ASSISTANT!

Y-YOU'RE NOT KAOS, ARE YOU?
THUS NOVA DISCOVERED MY EXISTENCE.


OF COURSE, THAT WASN'T ENOUGH.

WAKE UP, DEN


YOUR NEW BODY! LIKE IT?
WH-WHAT IS THIS...!?


BASICALLY, I INSTALLED AN EPR TRANSMITTER INTO KAOS' HEART AND NERVOUS SYSTEM TO REMOTE CONTROL YOUR SLAVE BODY.
THE *SHORT* OF IT IS...YOU'RE *NO LONGER* CONFINED TO KAOS' BODY!

I JUST *LOVE* PEOPLE WITH YOUR LEVEL OF WELL--*PSYCHO-LOGICAL CAPACITY*

THE QUESTION IS, WILL IT CAUSE YOUR *PSYCHE* TO COLLAPSE BENEATH ITS OWN WEIGHT? ...*HEH, HEH, HEH*

WE'LL SEE! NOW, GO FOLLOW YOUR HEART'S DESIRES..

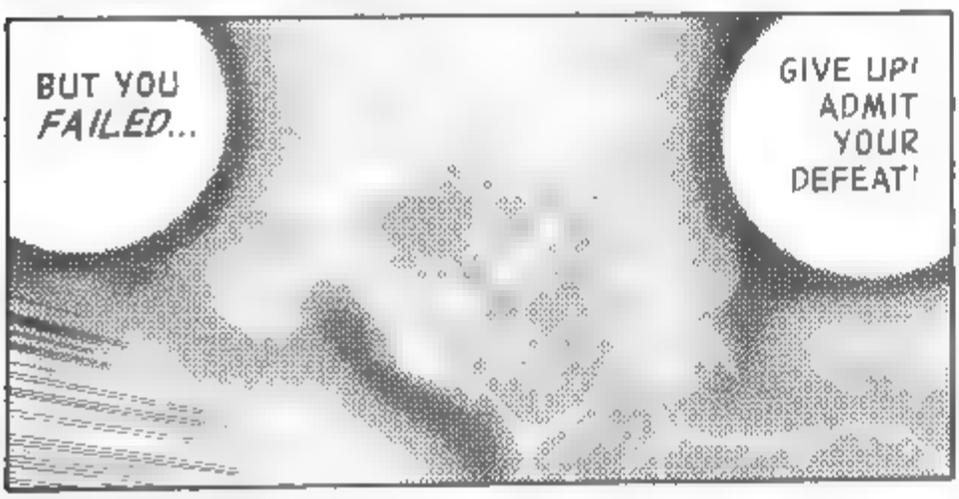
AND SO I WANDERED THE BADLANDS, DISCOVERING MYSELF AS I TRAINED IN THE WAYS OF THE WARRIOR.

I FEEL RAGE, THEREFORE I AM!

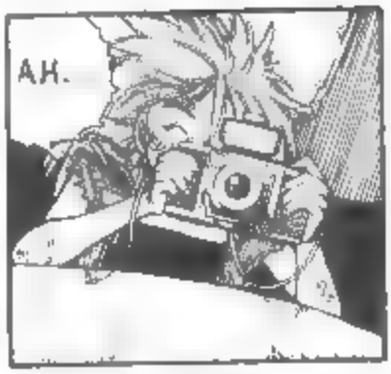
UNQUENCHABLE, UNRELENTING... DESPITE ALL MY EFFORTS TO CONTROL IT! WHERE DOES MY MADNESS COME FROM!?

I WAS BORN WITHOUT A BODY.
I DO NOT KNOW WHAT IT IS TO EXPERIENCE LOVE OR PEACE!
NO!
I AM A CHILD OF DESTINY. SUMMONED BY THE ANGERED SPIRITS OF EARTH!
ONLY THIS BODY IS BIG ENOUGH TO CONTAIN THE ANGER WITHIN ME!
I NEED A VESSEL SUITED TO MY ANGER. AN UNDYING BODY OF STEEL... TO GOVERN THIS PARCHED WORLD!
I KNOW MY PURPOSE!

AND I HAVE SWORN TO DROP TIPHARES TO THE GROUND!



RMTM
RMTM
W-
WAIT...!
YOU
CAN'T!
SFFL
SHFFL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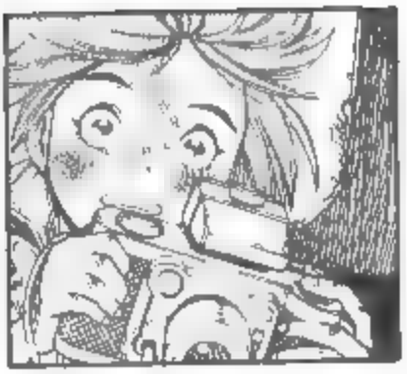


P-PLEASE . .
GIVE ME MY
DAUGHTER. .
KOYOMI. .BACK
TO ME!

OLD
MAN!

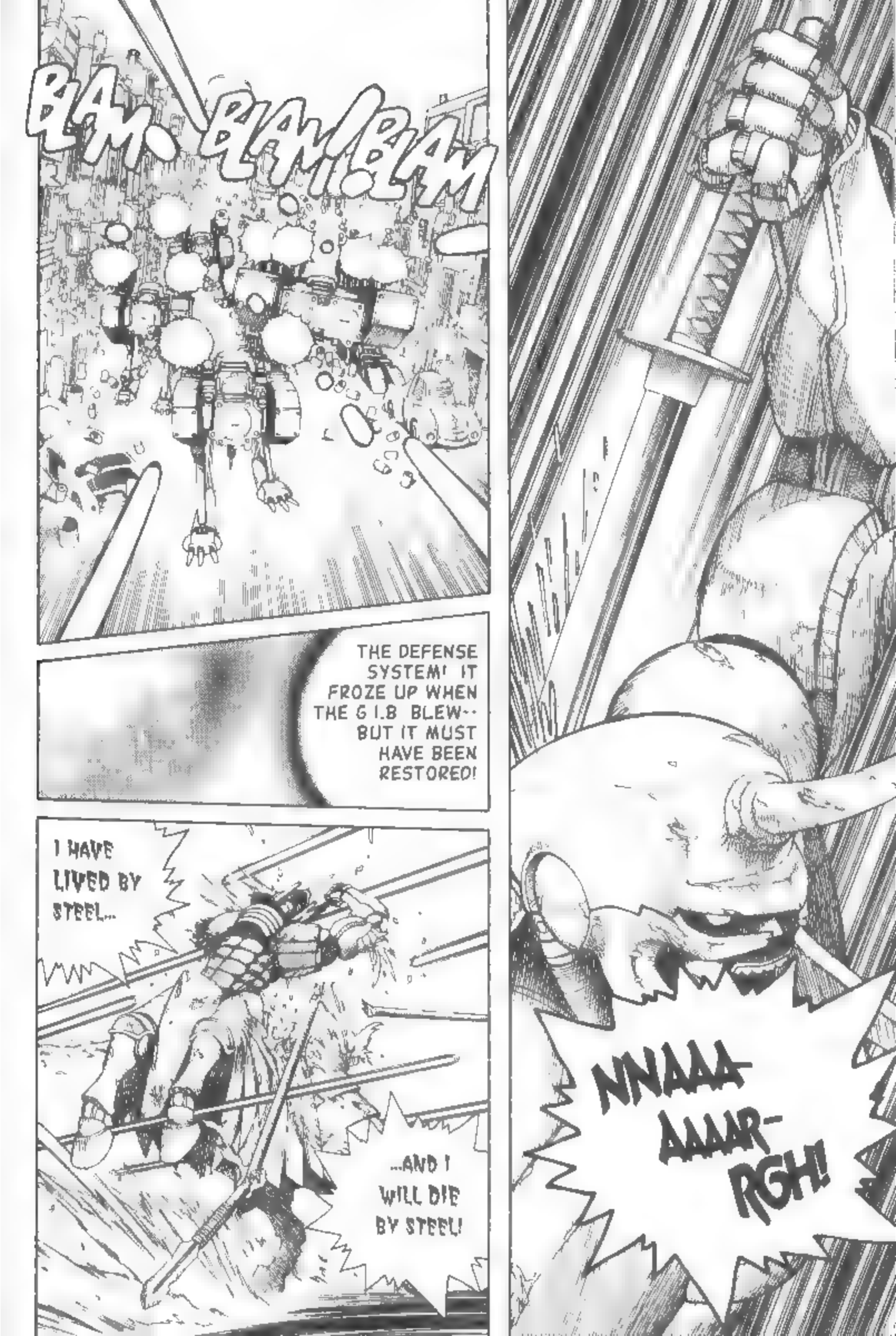
RMTM
SHMMM

YOU STUPID OLD BOOZER! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
PLEASE--! MY DAUGHTER--!
SHUT UP AND DIE! STEP ON HIM, MASTER DEN!
.....
GMP
ST-STOP!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
AH.. AHHH!

LET ME DOWN!
ZWOOOSH
YOU SAID YOU WERE NOT AFRAID TO DIE, KOYOMI.
MASTER DEN! WHY!?
KOYOMI!
DEN-- DON'T DO IT!
IF I AM JUST A FIGMENT AS YOU SAY, THEN STOP ME!
ERGH.
NOOO! I DON'T WANNA DIE!

SPLSSSS
PLEASE! I'M NOT READY!
KYAAA..
.AA.
.AAH!
TIP
SPLAM
NNGH
KRIK KREK
KURK KRAK
K-KOYOM! YOU ALL RIGHT!?
AH..
P-POP.

TOOM TOOM
I AM DEN!
IN NO WAY AM I A PART OF YOU, KAOS!
DEN...
SLA BLAM


BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!
THE DEFENSE SYSTEM! IT FROZE UP WHEN THE G I.B BLEW-- BUT IT MUST HAVE BEEN RESTORED!
I HAVE LIVED BY STEEL...
...AND I WILL DIE BY STEEL!
NNAAA-AAAAR-RGH!

Sors salutis

et virtutis

michi nunc contraria,

est affectus

et defectus

semper in angaria.

Hac in hora

sine mora

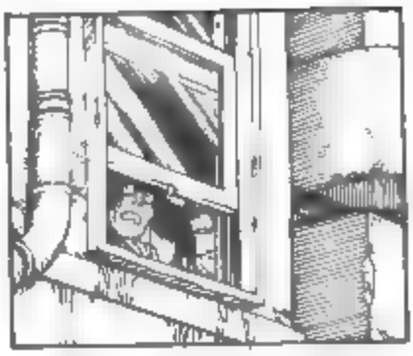
corde pulsum tangite;

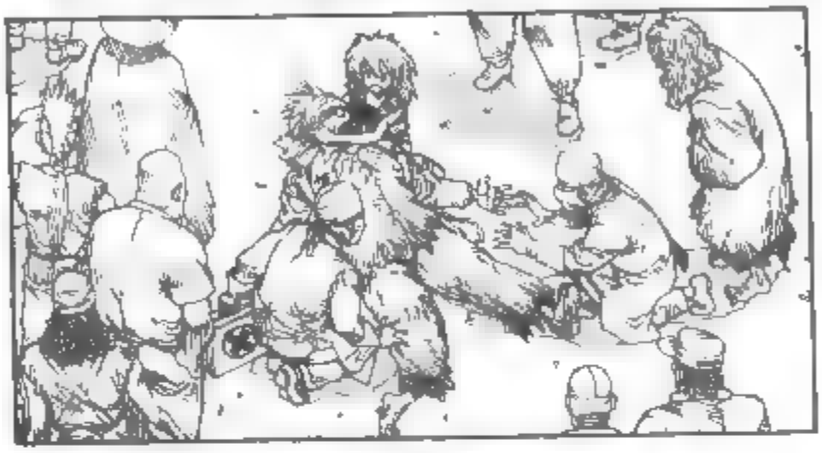
quod per sortem

sternit fortem,

mecum omnes plangite!

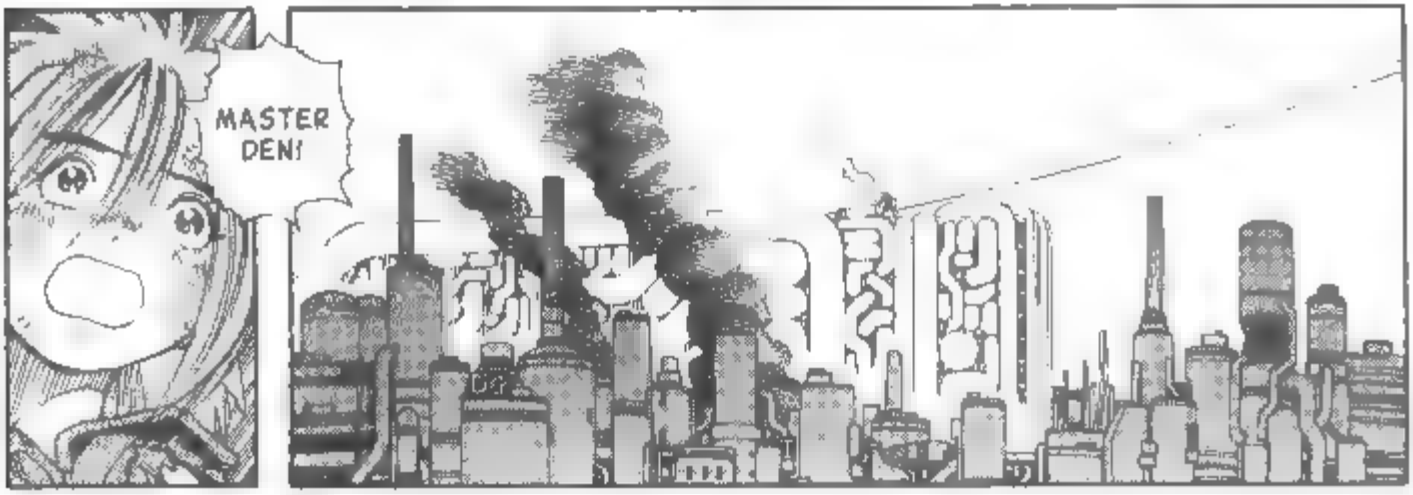
SOMEONE! HELP ME! ANYONE...! CALL A DOCTOR...!

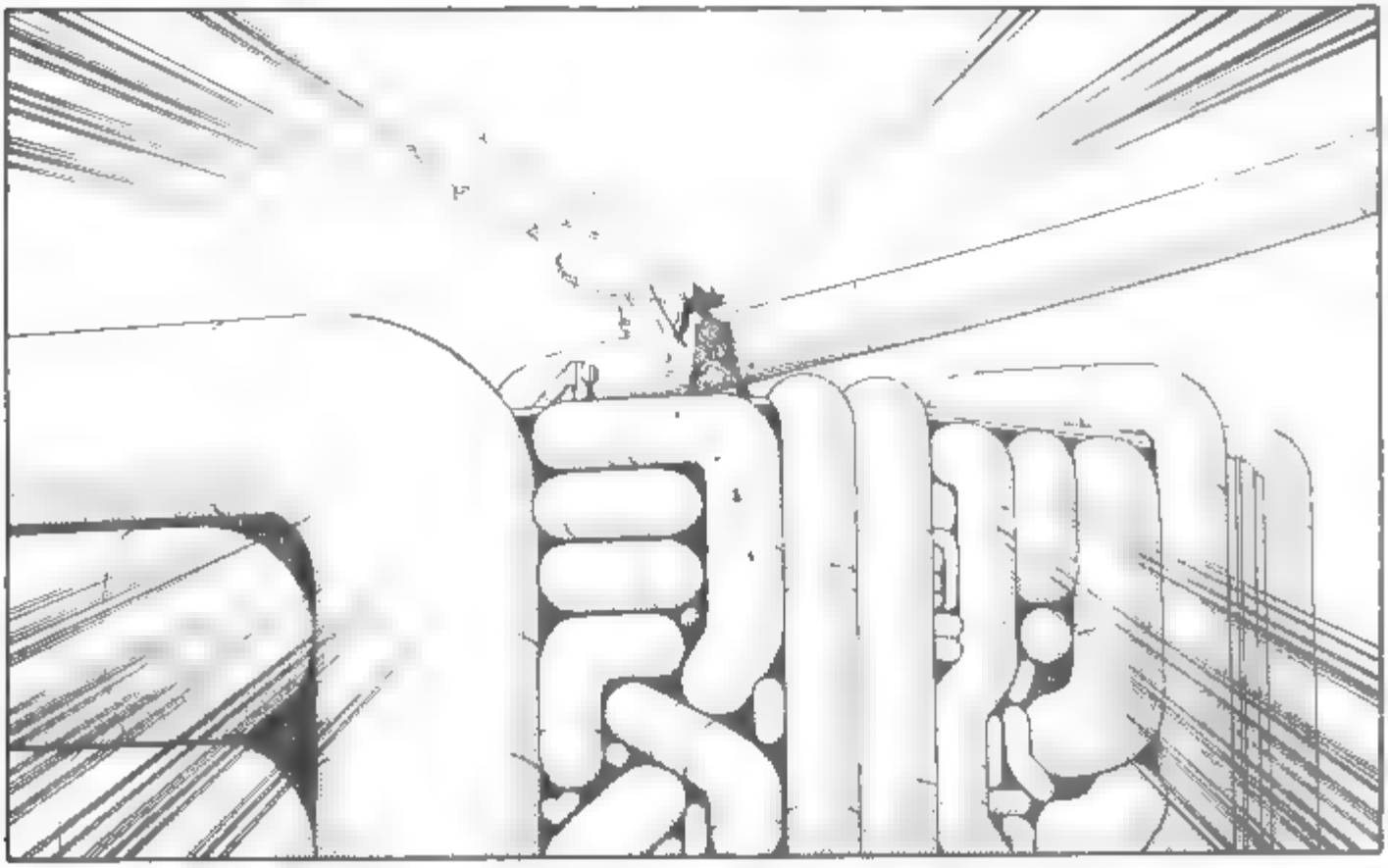




OOOOH!

LOOK UP THERE!
HE'S GONNA DO IT!


MASTER DEN!



...BORN WITHOUT A BODY...
ZZTK
SHZT
SSSST
...NEVER FEARING DEATH...
...MY BLADE IS THE PEOPLE'S ANGER...

FEEL THEIR STRENGTH !
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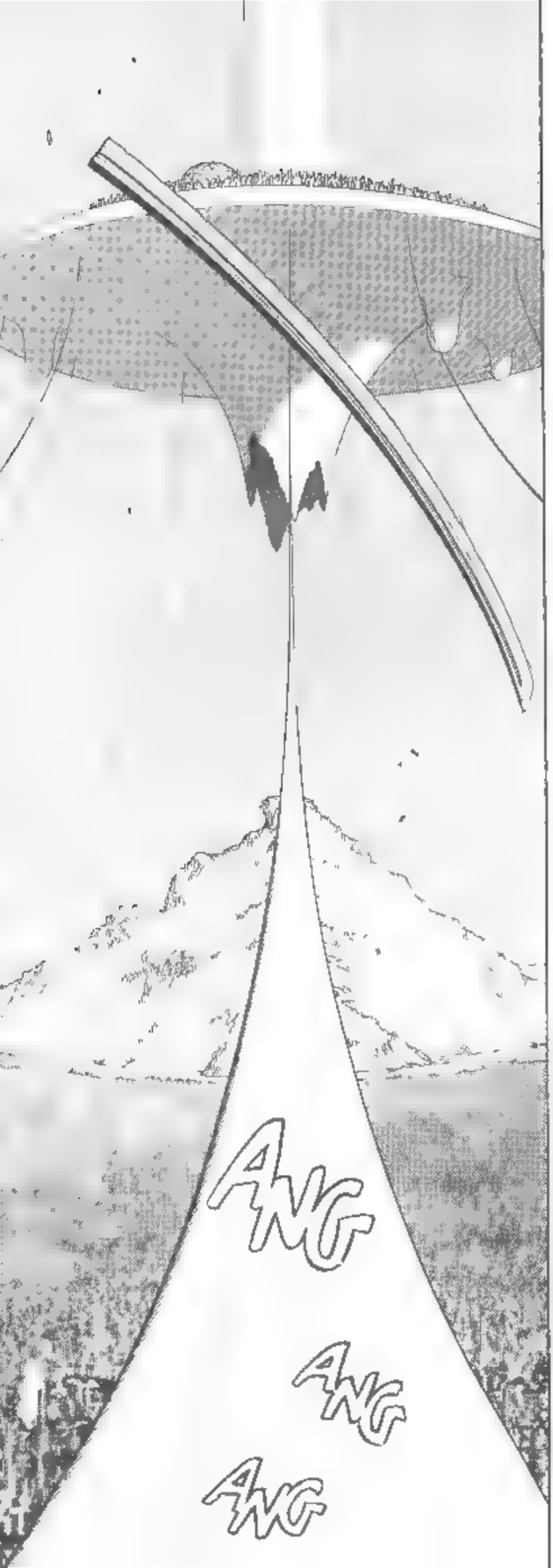
tang
skaKANG!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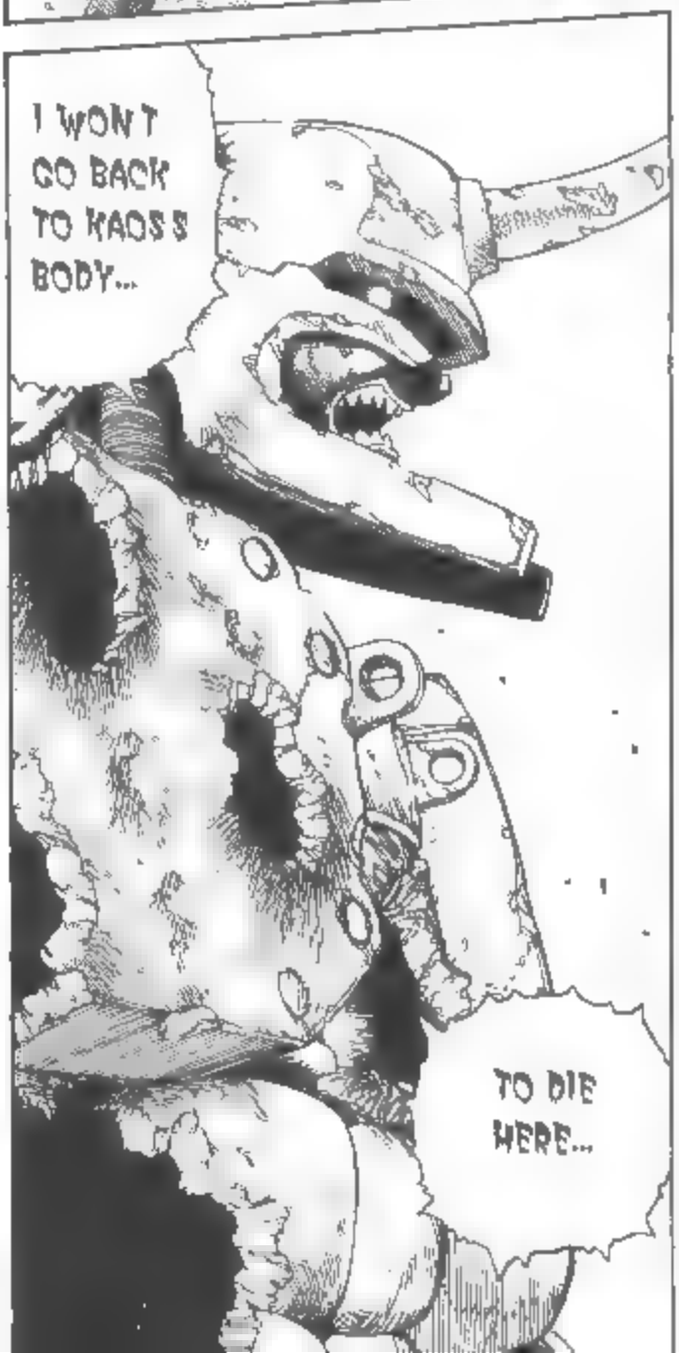
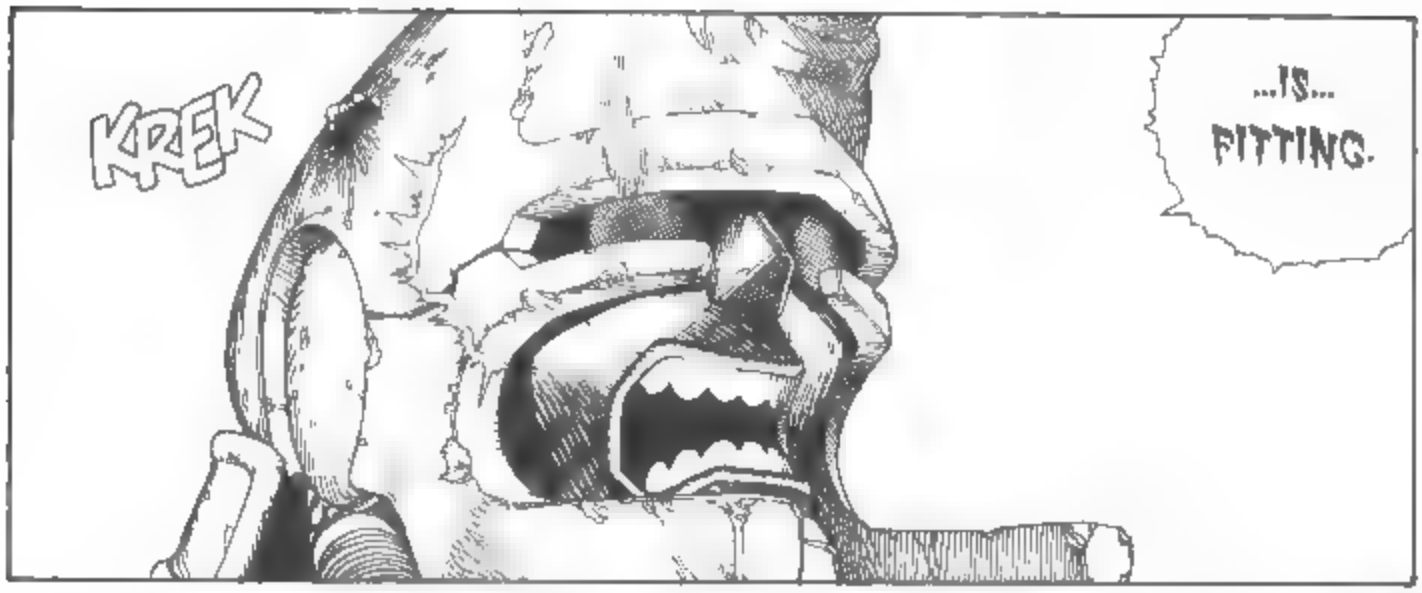
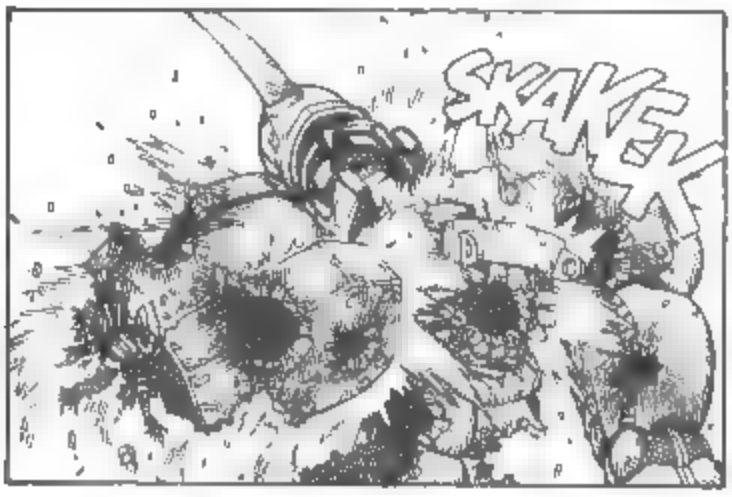
UNGH


I WON'T GO BACK TO KAOS'S BODY...
TO DIE HERE...


KREK
...IS...
FITTING.


SKAKEK

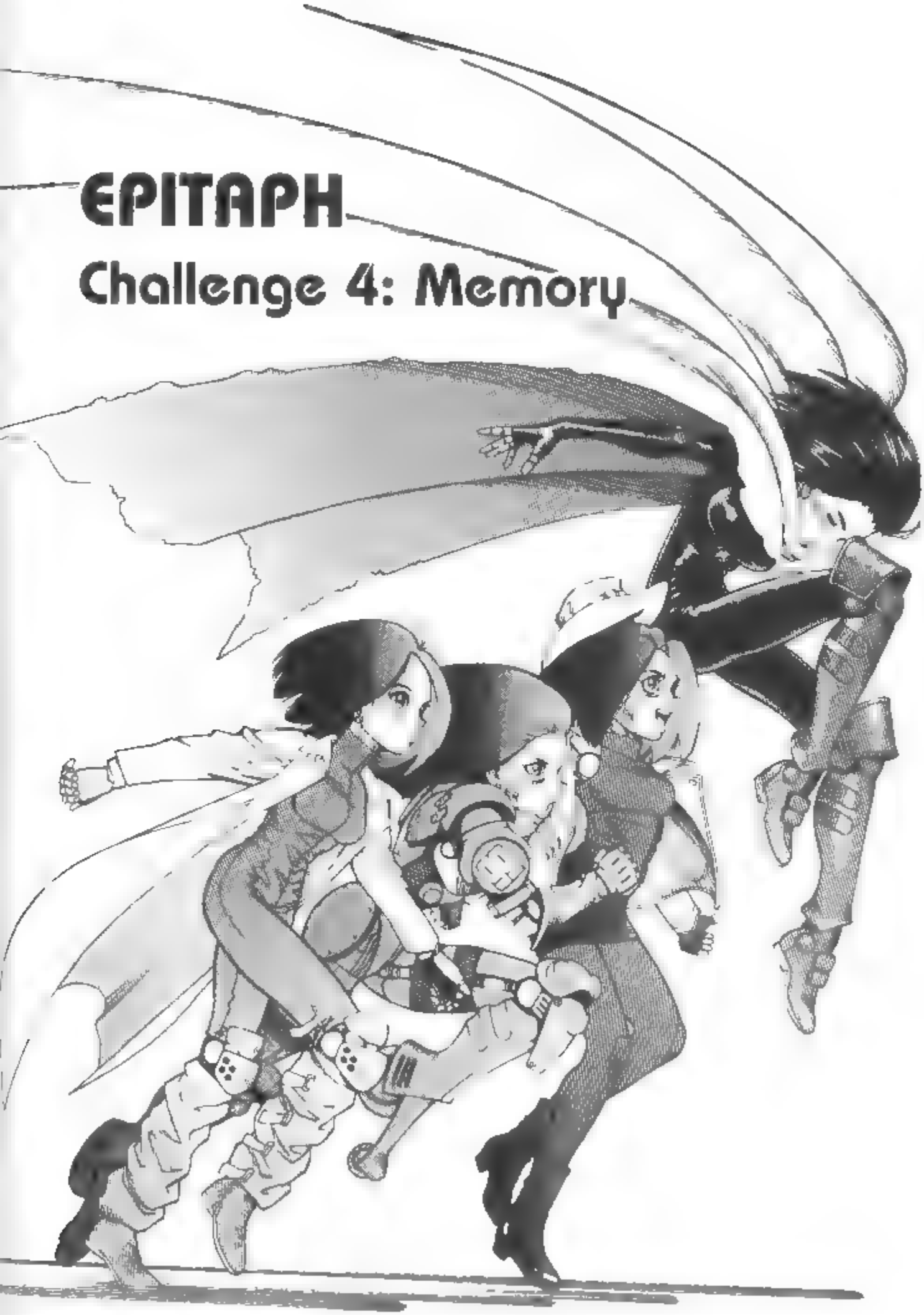
OOOOOH!
KA CHIK
KA CHIK

SKIK SKAK
TOING!

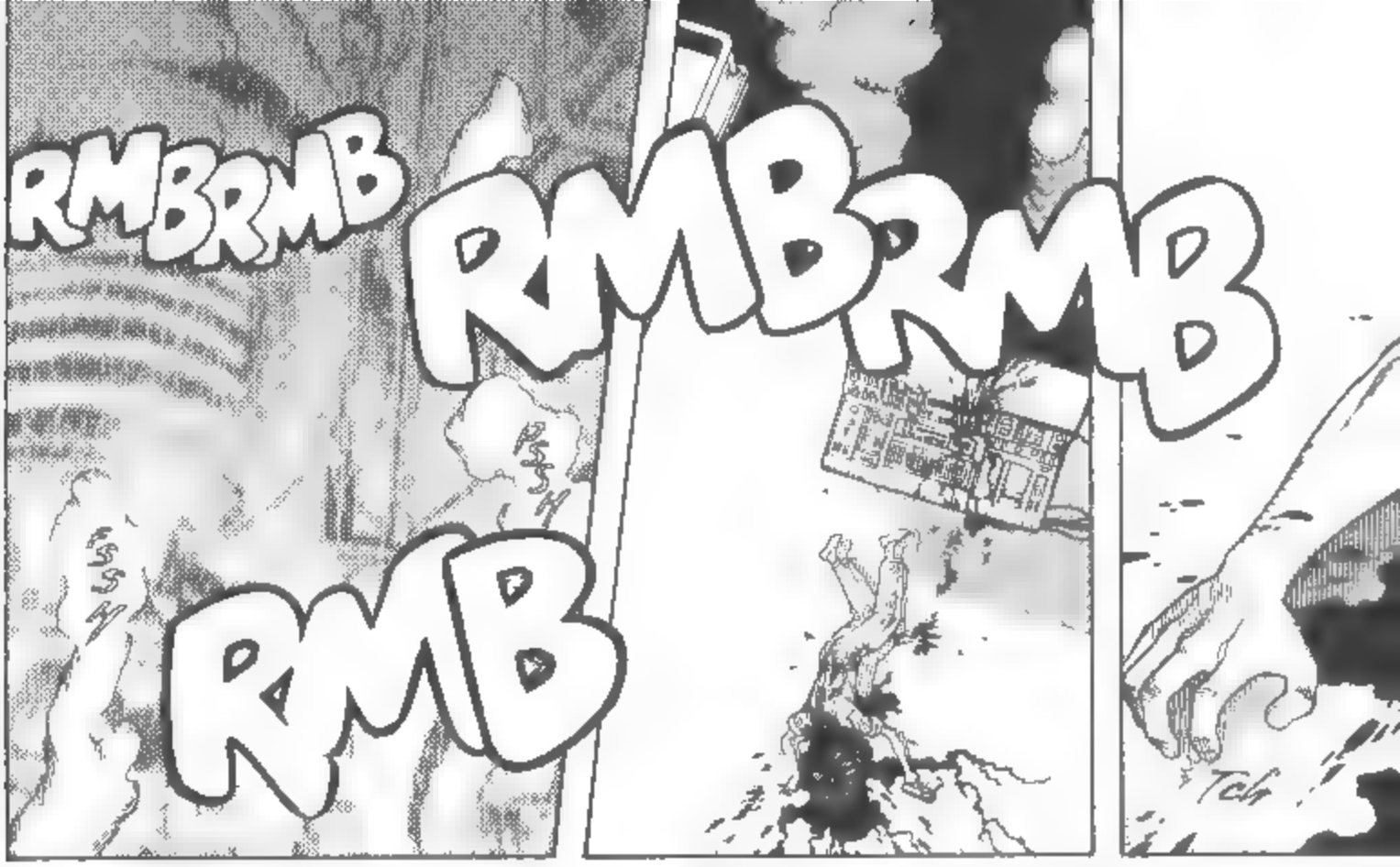
I'LL TELL OUR STORY, MASTER DEN! I PROMISE!
THAT'S WHY HE LEFT ME BEHIND

EPITAPH

Challenge 4: Memory



ZOLT
POOM
UNGH !
KOFF KOFF
HANG ON, KAOS!
UFF
HFF
ALITA...
IS--IS THIS... THE GRANITE INN?
Y YOU'RE SPEAK.NG! YOUR VOICE!?
IS HE DEN AGAIN !?
IT'S DEN--
--HE'S DEAD...


RMBRMB
RMBRMB
RMB
Tch

BAWHOOM

BOOM!
A LONG, LONG DAY.

...FELT LIKE A HUNDRED YEARS.

I'M HEADING TO THE SCRAP-YARD.
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
ME. ?

I GUESS I'M... *FREE* NOW.

THERE'S A *PLAN* I WANT TO SEE THROUGH AT THE *SCRAP-YARD*
KRSSS

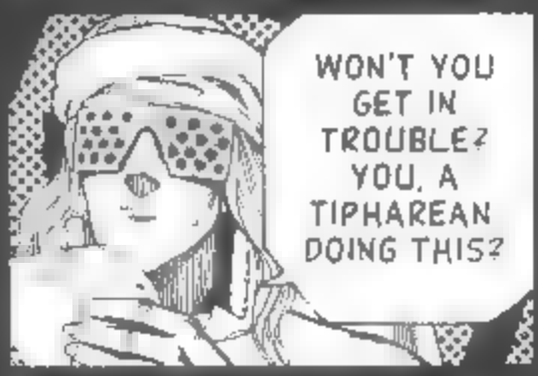
WHAT'S THIS?
SOMETHING *LOU* GAVE ME WHEN WE WENT TO FARM 21 YESTERDAY.

I WAS *REALLY* TOUCHED BY THE LAST BROAD-CAST OF RADIO KAOS.
I THOUGHT A WHOLE *BUNCH* ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID--YOU KNOW, ABOUT UNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER

AND I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE A GOOD THING FOR SURFACE FOLKS AND TIPHAREANS TO--*TALK* SOMEHOW
FOR THAT TO HAPPEN TIPHARES HAS TO BE CONNECTED WITH THE SURFACE.

SO YOU'D HAVE TO CREATE A TOWER THAT'S 2,500 METERS TALL
ACCORDING TO THESE COMPUTER SIMULATIONS, IT CAN BE DONE JUST WITH MATERIALS AVAILABLE IN ALL THE SCRAP ON THE SURFACE!

I CALL IT THE "TOWER OF TIPHARES"!


WON'T YOU GET IN TROUBLE? YOU, A TIPHAREAN DOING THIS?

IT'LL BE *OUR* SECRET, MR. KAOS.
IF THE CHIEF FINDS OUT, HE'LL FIRE ME FOR SURE!
TEE HEE

I DON'T KNOW IF IT'LL TAKE *DECADES*. . OR *CENTURIES*.

BUT I THINK IT'S *WORTH A TRY!*

HIS EYES SO *ALIVE*

COME WITH ME, ALITA!

MAYBE LATER . IF IT FEELS RIGHT

FOR THE TIME BEING, I THINK I'LL CHECK OUT FIGURE'S FISHING VILLAGE TO THE WEST

HONESTLY, WITH NOTHING LEFT TO DO, I. .I'M NOT SURE HOW TO *FEEL* .

I DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO LAUGH OR CRY...

phew

AT TIMES LIKE THAT -- YOU SHOULD *LAUGH*

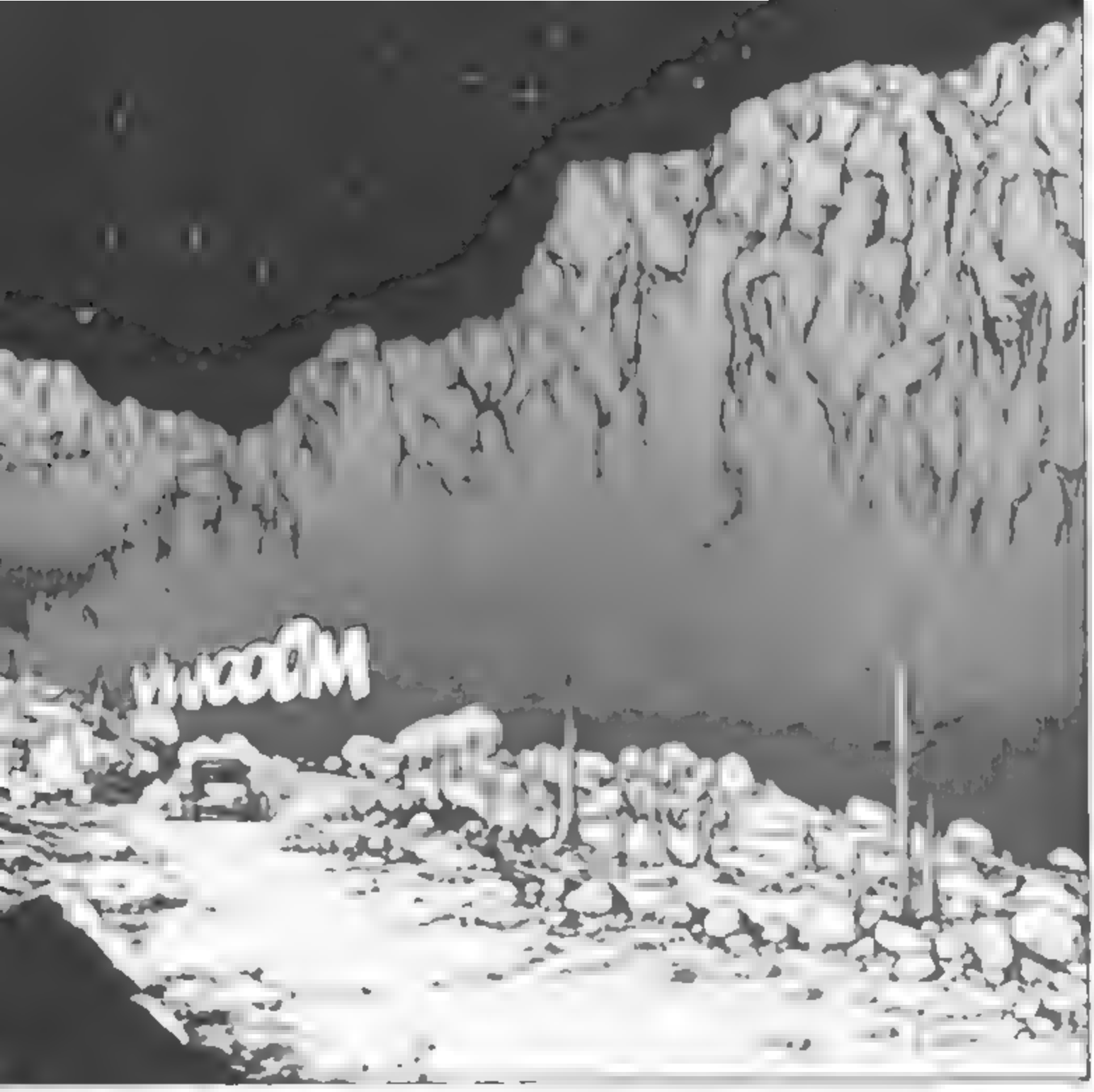
POW!

HA, HA, HA! WE'LL MEET AGAIN, ALITA!
HE'S GOTTEN *TOUGH*. .

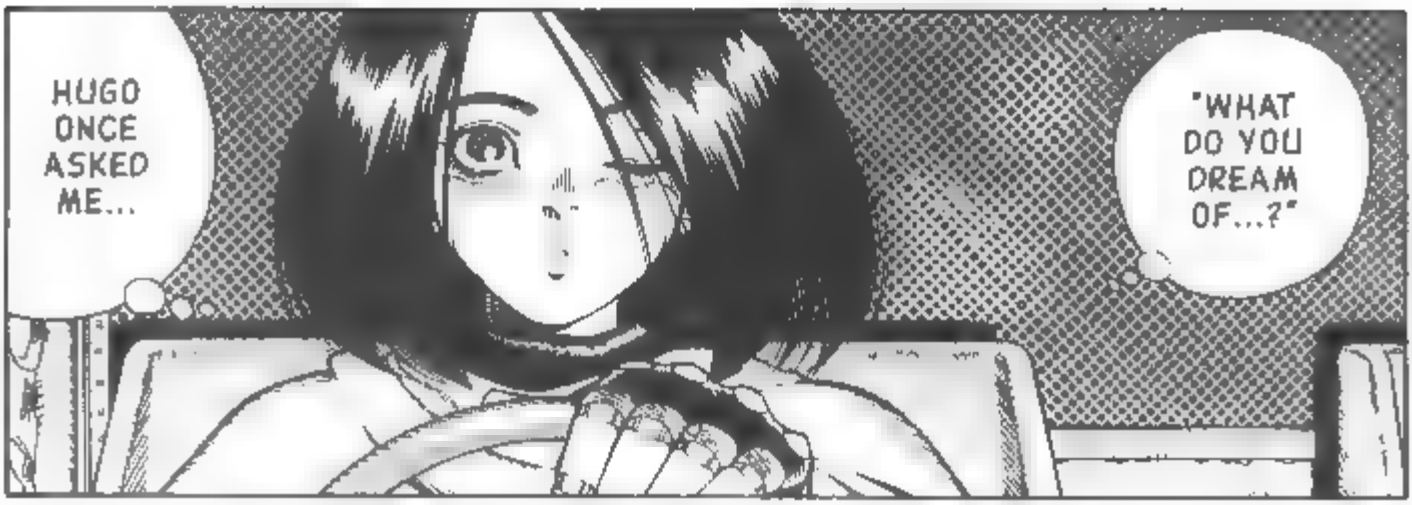
KLONK

GEH

LET'S GO!
GEH
GEH
TOM-A-TOM


WHOOM

VMMMM


HUGO ONCE ASKED ME...
"WHAT DO YOU DREAM OF...?"

I'VE NEVER HAD A DREAM NOT IN MY *WHOLE* LIFE
ALWAYS TOO CAUGHT UP IN WHAT WAS HAPPENING AROUND ME, I GUESS.

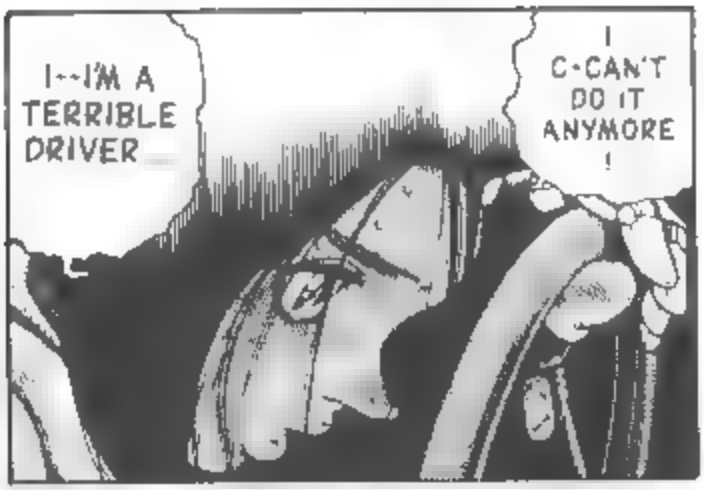
IT'S KIND OF SAD..

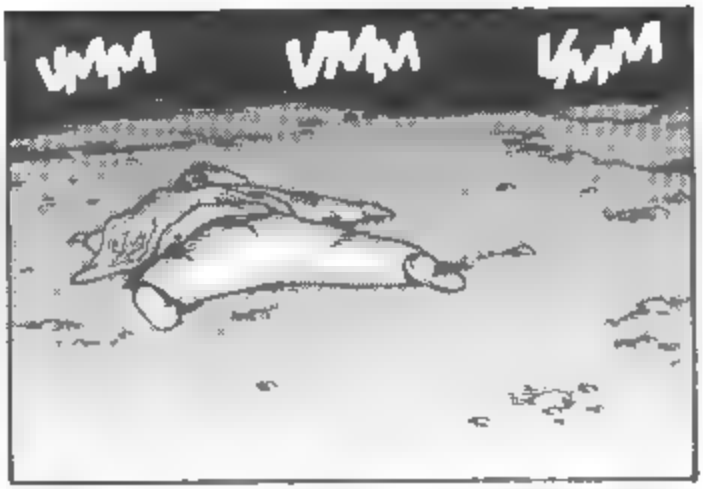
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE FIGURE'S FACE AGAIN...!

HMM ?

WHA--!?
BWAM
SKEEE
OH, NO!

WUMPTIMP
PLIMP
FMP


I--I'M A TERRIBLE DRIVER
I C-CAN'T DO IT ANYMORE !


VMM VMM VMM

VMM VMM VMM VMM

GOT TO GET HIM SOME HELP

VMM VMM VMM

B-BUT...

WHAT'S A CHILD DOING OUT HERE *ALL BY HIMSELF*

...WAY OUT IN THE MOUNTAINS.. AND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT . ?

?!
GOM!

KYA HA

KYAHA-HAHAHA-HAHAHA!

KYA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!
BEEP

KABOOM

KOEKWA
KOEKWA
KOEKWA

TMP
TMP

VMM
VMM
VMM

KYAHAHAHA!

KAYHAHAHAHA!

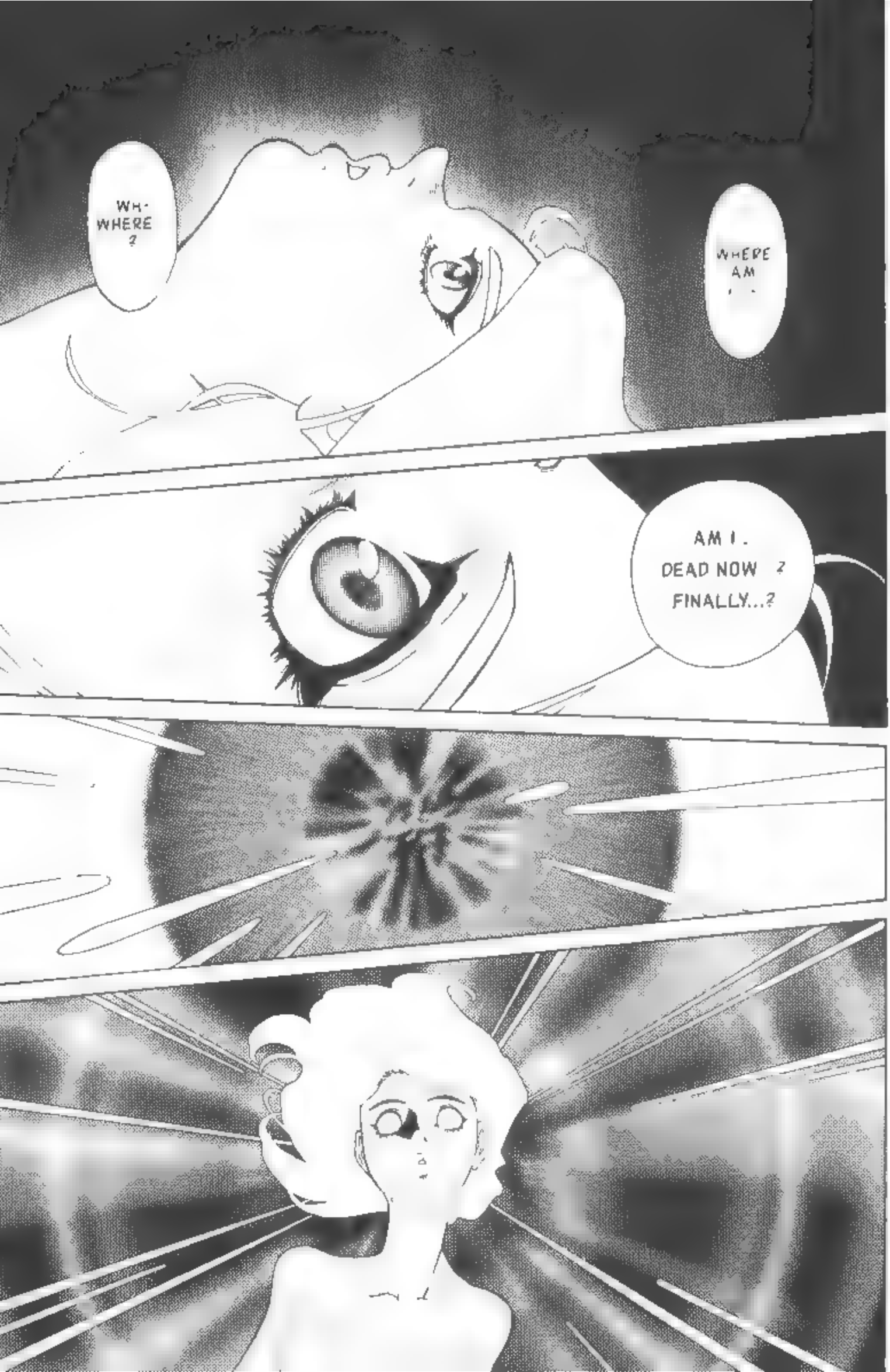
KYA-HA-HA-HA-HA!

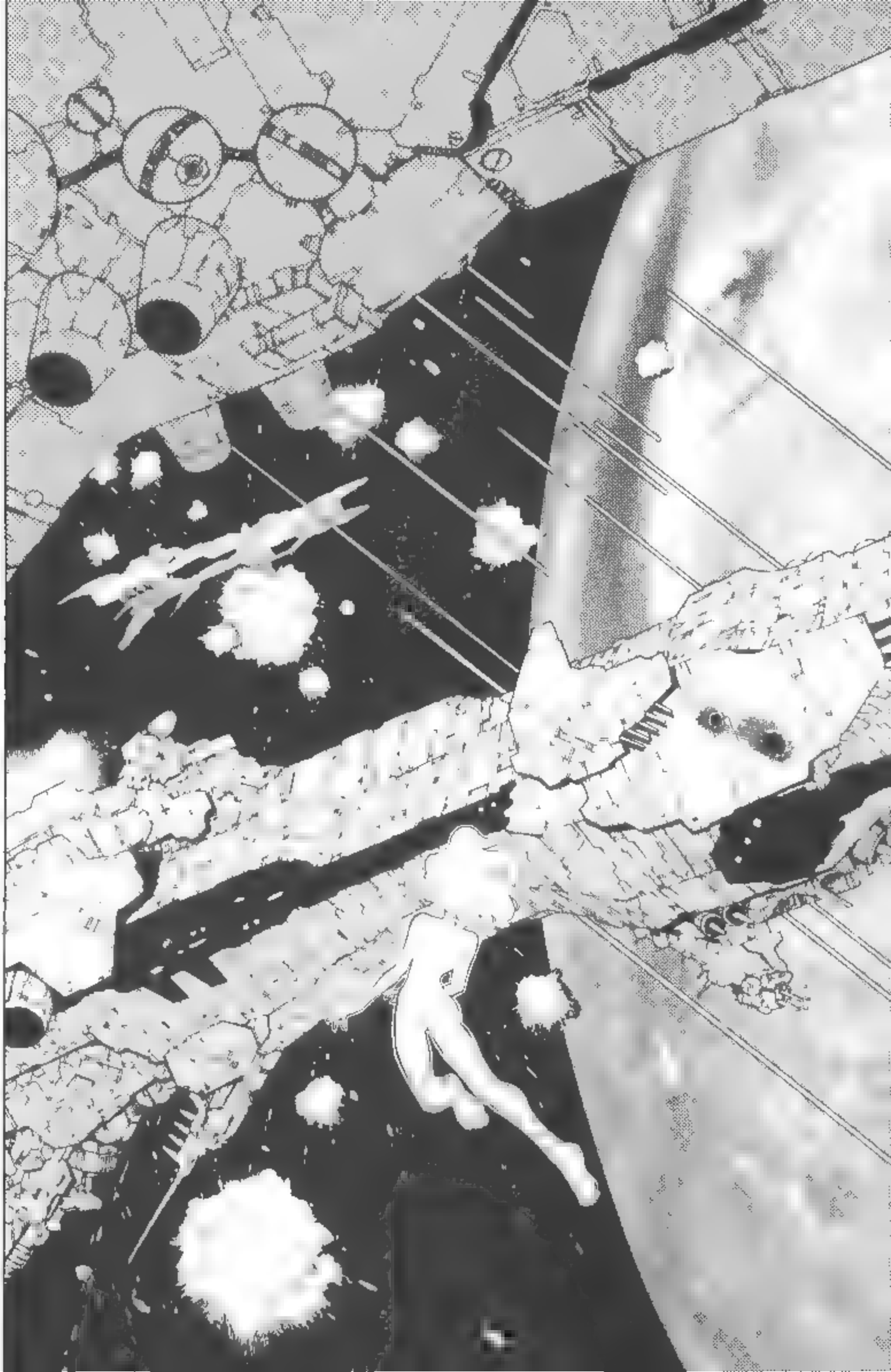
KYA-HAHA-HAHA!
OH. .IT'S SO HARD TO LAUGH

THESE ARE BASICS, MY DEAR--BASICS!

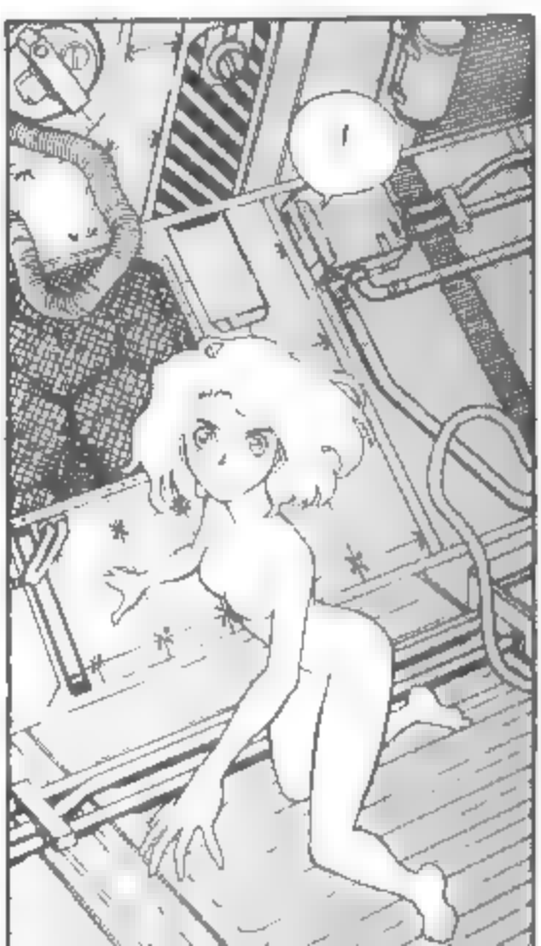
ONE MUST ALWAYS BACKUP THE ESSENTIAL SYSTEMS . !

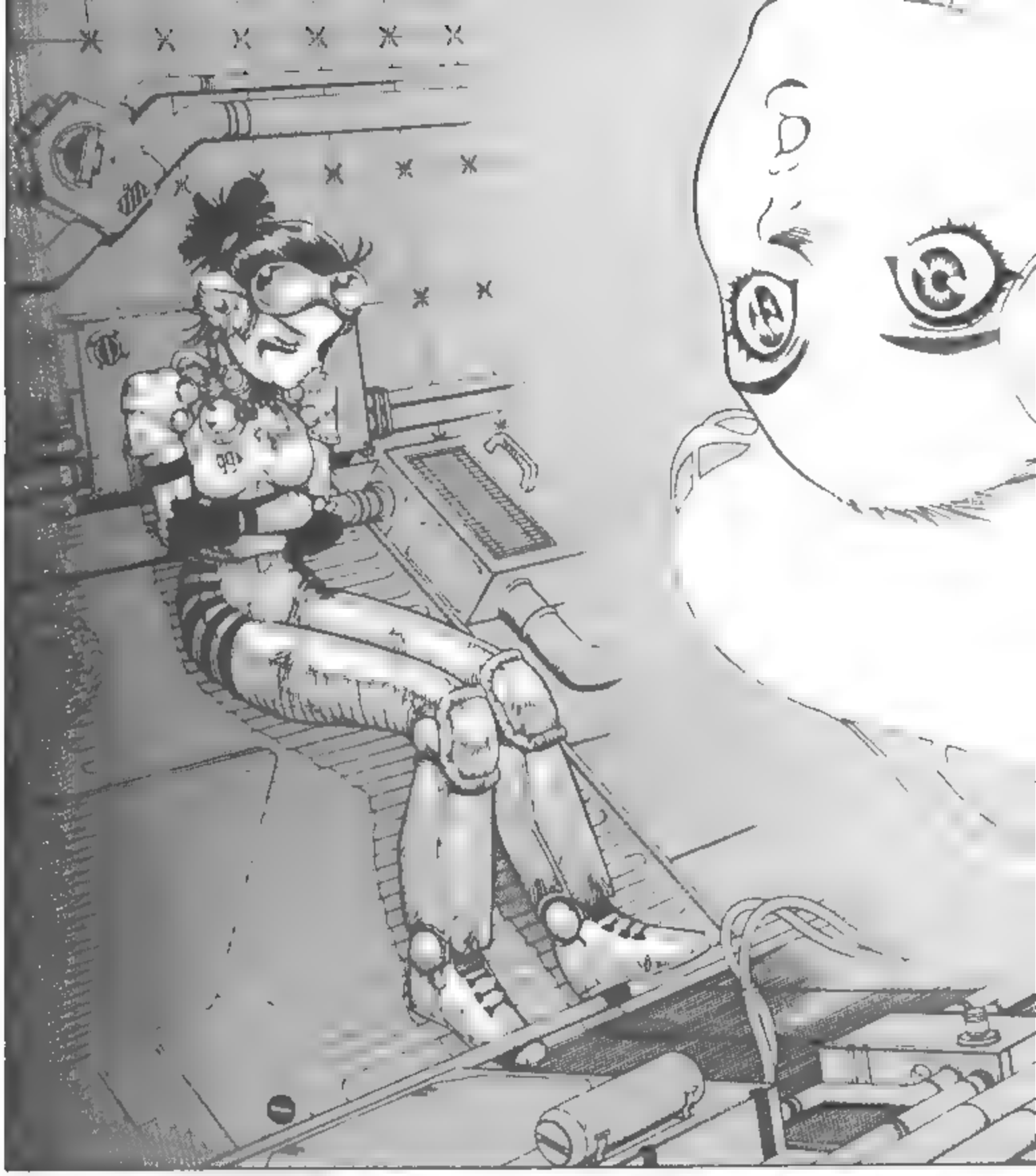
SKAWOOOO
OOH--A BIT OF HER BRAIN!
YAA-AAY!


WH-WHERE?
WHERE AM I..
AM I. DEAD NOW? FINALLY...?

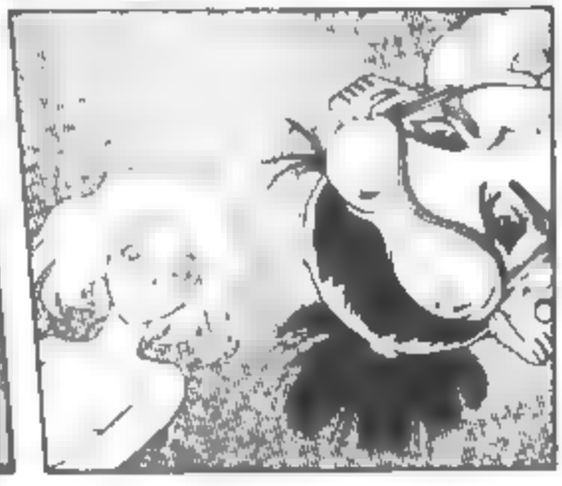


YAAAH!





YOKO REPORT TO THE BRIDGE!



TH- THAT'S ME
BEFORE I LOST MY MEMORY!

OUR CHANCES OF SURVIVAL ARE *NIL*.

.ONLY *ONE* WAY TO PRESERVE OUR HONOR!

WHAT IS HE *TALKING* ABOUT?

IS THIS A STARSHIP FROM *MARS*?

YOU ARE TO BREAK AWAY FROM THIS SHIP IN ZUBRINGER* POCKETS AND AIM FOR *KETHERES ELYION*, THE HEAD-QUARTERS OF EARTH'S GOVERNMENT! THERE, YOU WILL DETONATE YOUR NUCLEAR DEVICES!

99

KLIK

ARE THEY ALL GOING TO COMMIT SUICIDE!?

WHY ISN'T ANYONE PROTESTING!?

IS THERE A WAR GOING ON?

*ZUBRINGER—A HIGHLY ADVANCED MATERIAL MADE UP OF NANO MACHINES. ITS GELLINE FORM IS USED TO PROTECT CYBORGS FROM RADIATION AND EXTREME TEMPERATURES IN THE VACUUM OF SPACE. IT CAN BE CONTROLLED ELECTRONICALLY TO ALTER ITS COLOR, SHAPE, AND RIGIDITY MAKING IT AN EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE STEALTH SPACE SUIT.

THE SPACE CITY OF *KETHERES* IS LINKED TO THE DELICATELY BALANCED ORBITAL RING AROUND THE EARTH!

BLOW UP ANY SECTION OF THE RING, AND IT WILL *COLLAPSE*

THEY WILL *KNOW* THEIR HUBRIS AS THEY DIE!

BLOHSTEIN:

AFTER ALL OF YOU DEPART THIS SHIP WILL SELF DESTRUCT

DISPOSE OF YOUR WOUNDED

LEADER I HEARD THAT THE ZUBRINGER CAN BE USED AS A STASIS DEVICE TO HOLD THE USER IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION, SO

WHAT *ABOUT* IT?

CAN'T WE SAVE THE WOUNDED IN THAT MANNER?

TO HAVE TO KILL THEM BECAUSE THEY CAN NO LONGER FIGHT SEEMS WRONG

THERE'S NO EVIDENCE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL CAN ACTUALLY BE BROUGHT OUT OF STASIS

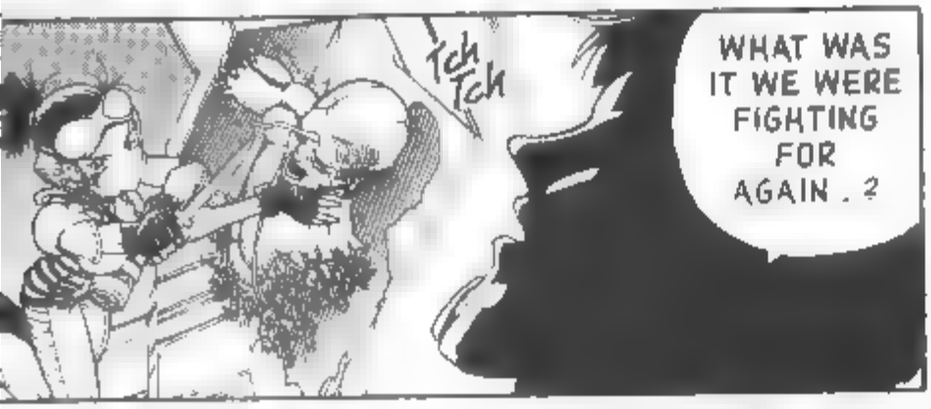
AND EVEN IF IT *WAS* POSSIBLE WHAT IF A COMRADE SHOULD FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS?

MAY *MARS* LOOK DOWN UPON US IN OUR BATTLE!

W-WAIT! I CAN STILL FIGHT!
JUST REPAIR MY LIMBS!

DON'T DO IT!

SKLUKK

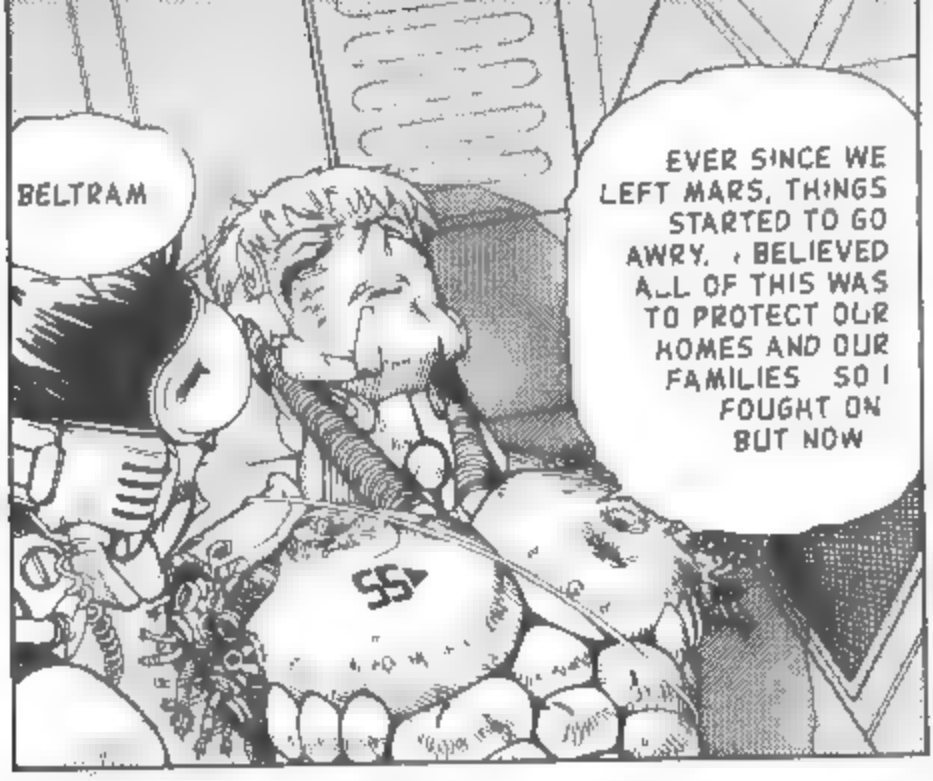

Tch Tch
WHAT WAS IT WE WERE FIGHTING FOR AGAIN . ?

BELTRAM, ARE YOU GOING TO PLEAD FOR *YOUR* LIFE AS WELL ?

THAT LAST MISSION .TO LUNAR CITY. .THEIR HABITAT DOME WAS *FILLED* WITH CHILDREN HUNDREDS OF THEM. THEY WERE ALL PROBABLY REFUGEES...AND I .
BLEW THEM UP

WAS *THAT* THE STRUGGLE WE BEL.EVED IN!?
THE *YEARS* OF TRAINING TO MASTER THE *PANZER KUNST*

.. WAS IT ALL FOR *THIS*... !?

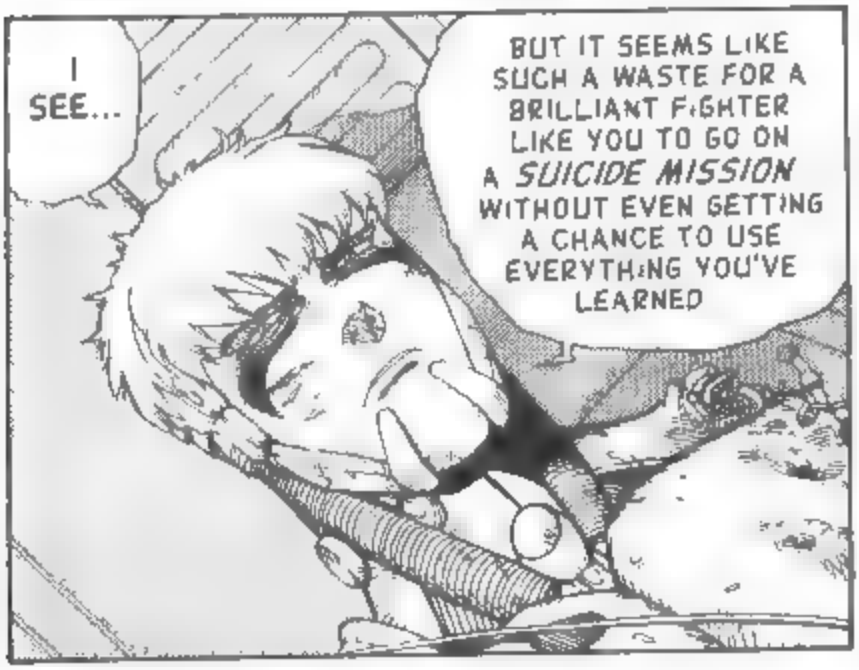

BELTRAM
EVER SINCE WE LEFT MARS, THINGS STARTED TO GO AWRY. I BELIEVED ALL OF THIS WAS TO PROTECT OUR HOMES AND OUR FAMILIES SO I FOUGHT ON BUT NOW

YOKO, YOU'RE AN ORPHAN. WHY DO YOU FIGHT...FOR *WHAT?*

I...

AH!

I FIGHT FOR MY HOME-LAND!


I SEE...
BUT IT SEEMS LIKE SUCH A WASTE FOR A BRILLIANT FIGHTER LIKE YOU TO GO ON A *SUICIDE MISSION* WITHOUT EVEN GETTING A CHANCE TO USE EVERYTHING YOU'VE LEARNED

YOU TALK TOO MUCH, BELTRAM!

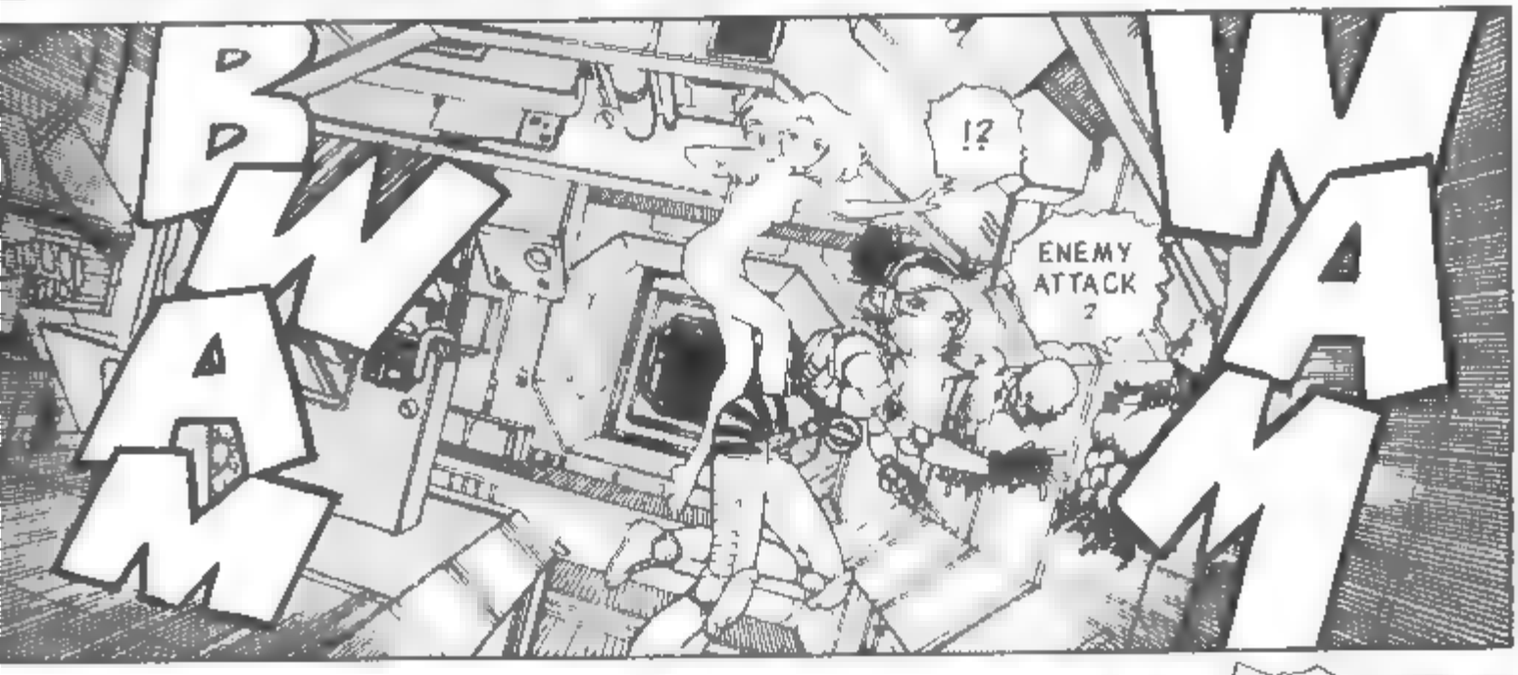
YOKO, I'VE ALWAYS LOV--

KESKLAK

BELTRAM, YOU DISAPPOINT ME!

WEAKLING!

SH-SHE'S...


KWAM
!?
ENEMY ATTACK?
WAM

BOOM

SOME KIND OF SHOCK WAVE!?

LEADER!
WAHOOM
YOKO! USE THE ZUBRINGER AND GET OUT!

SOMETHING INSIDE THE SHIP!
VOOM
HOW!? THE SHIP IS IN RUINS--THERE ISN'T A *THING* ON THE THERMAL SENSORS!
IT'S COMING!
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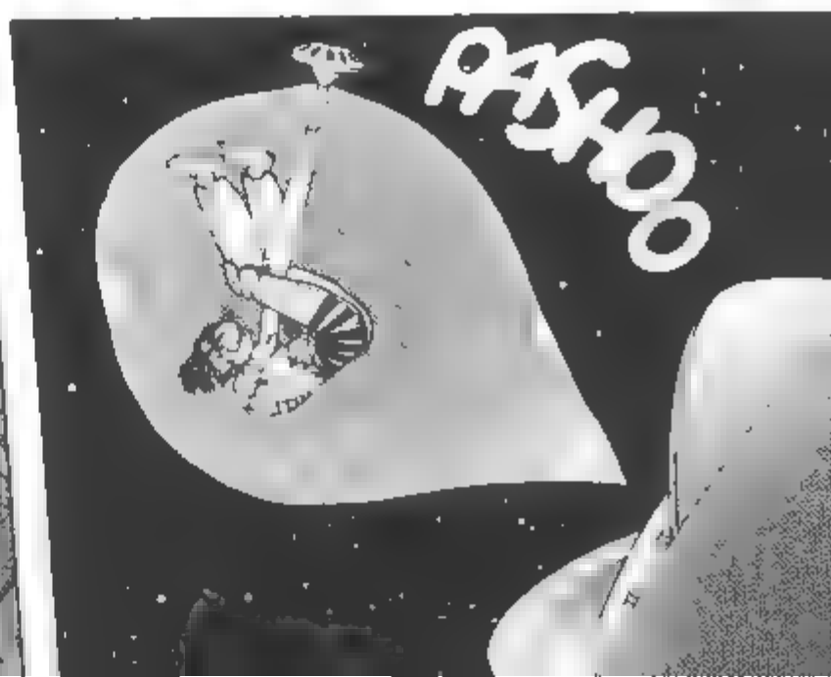
GAAK

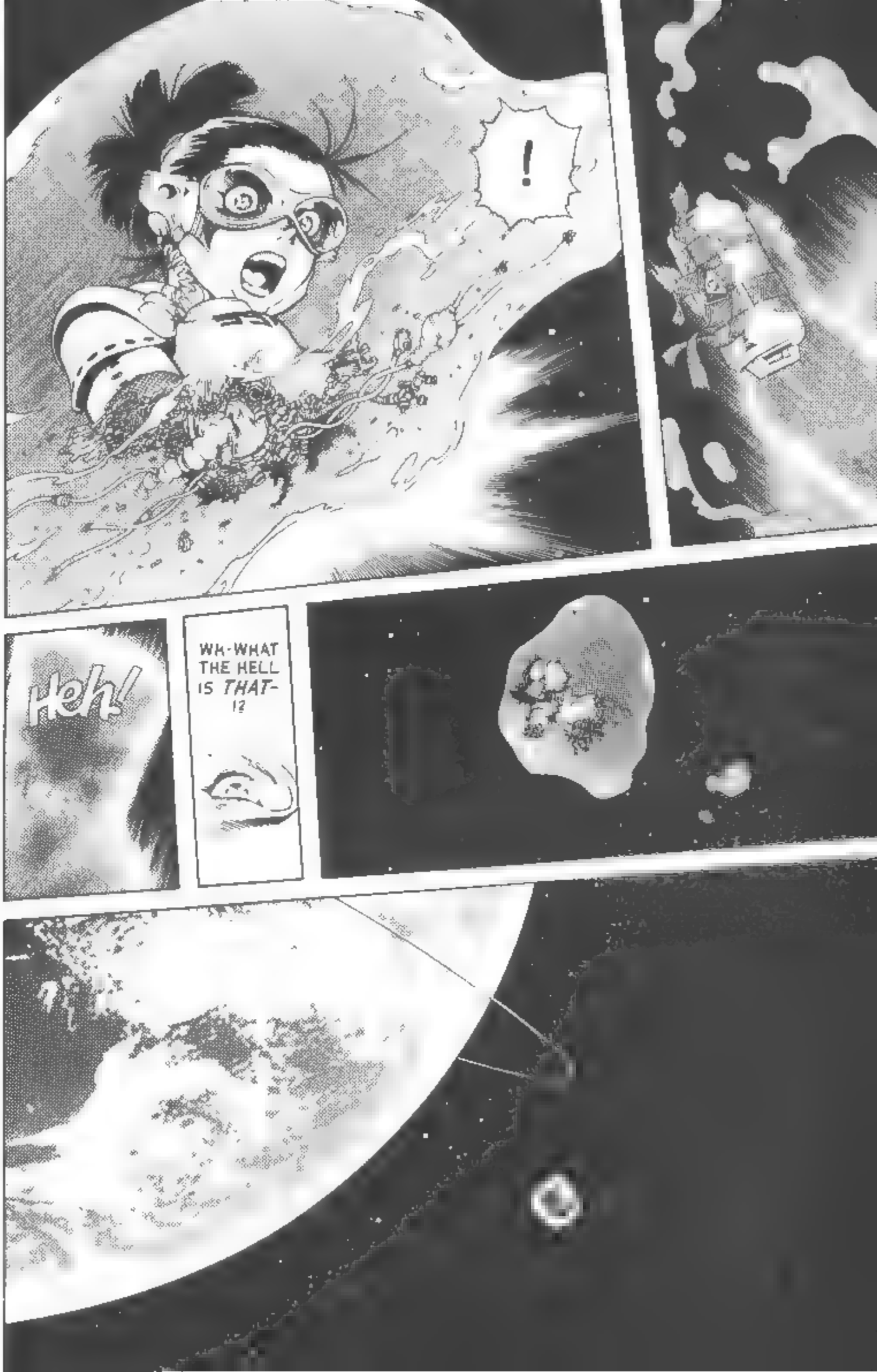
SPLOOO

WHOOMB


PASHOO

bwa

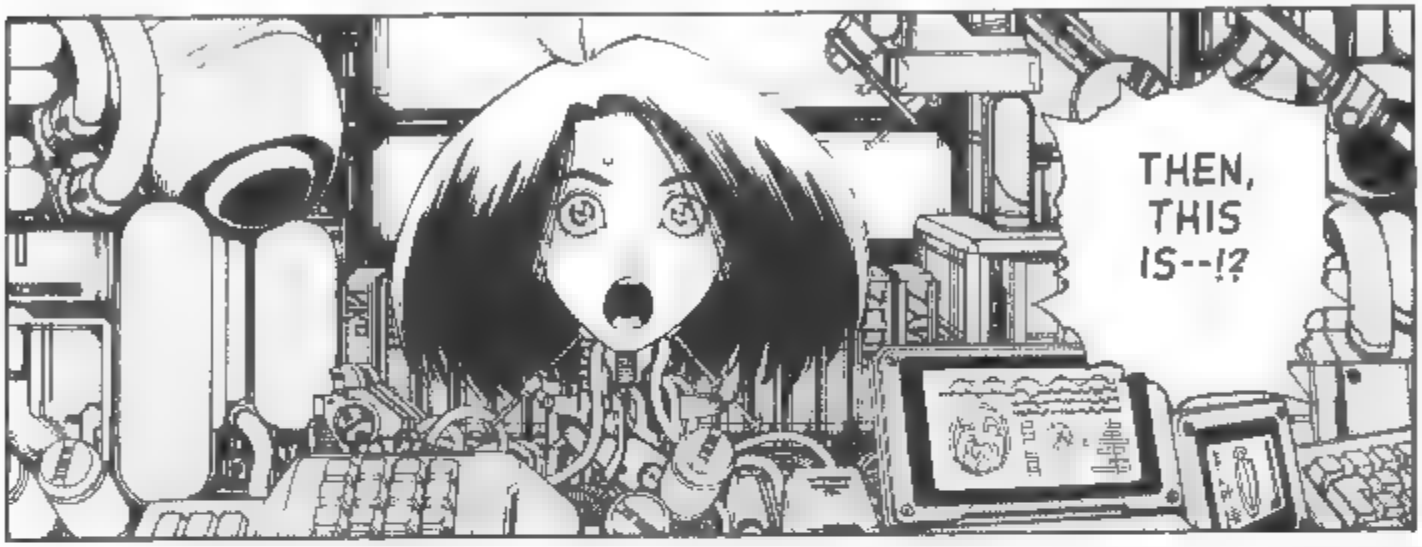
¡Boo!

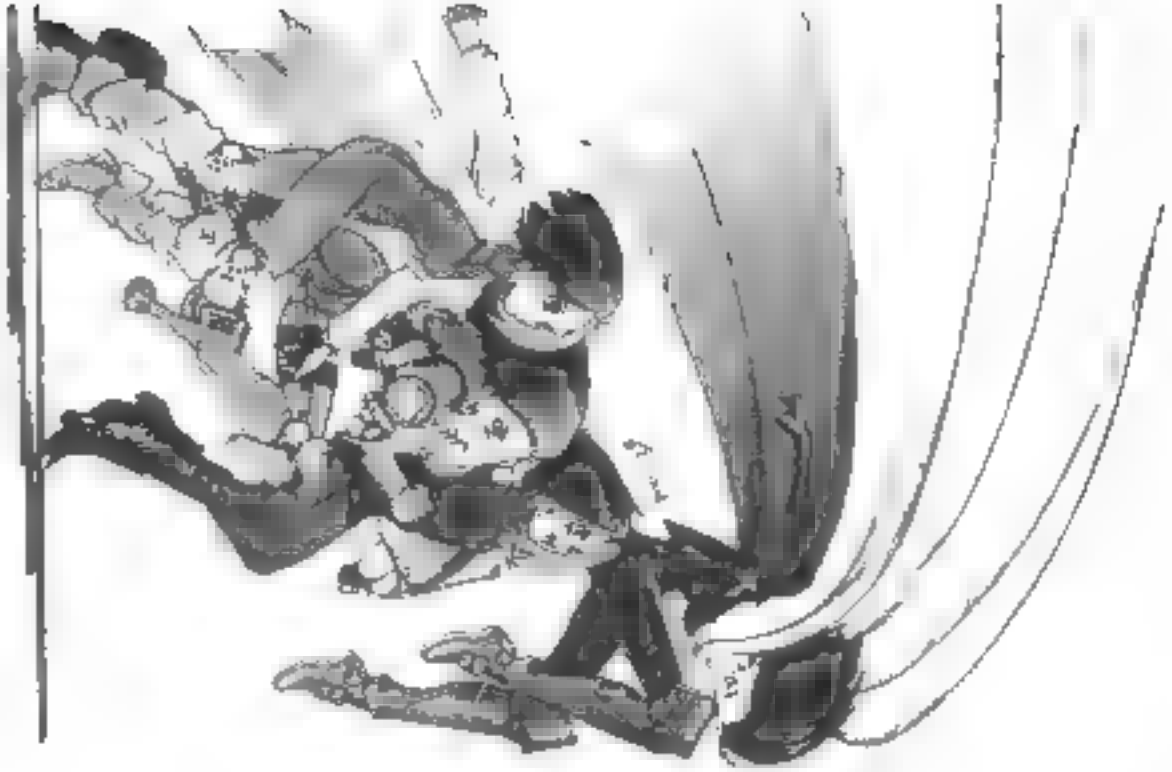

!
Heh!
WH-WHAT THE HELL IS THAT-!?

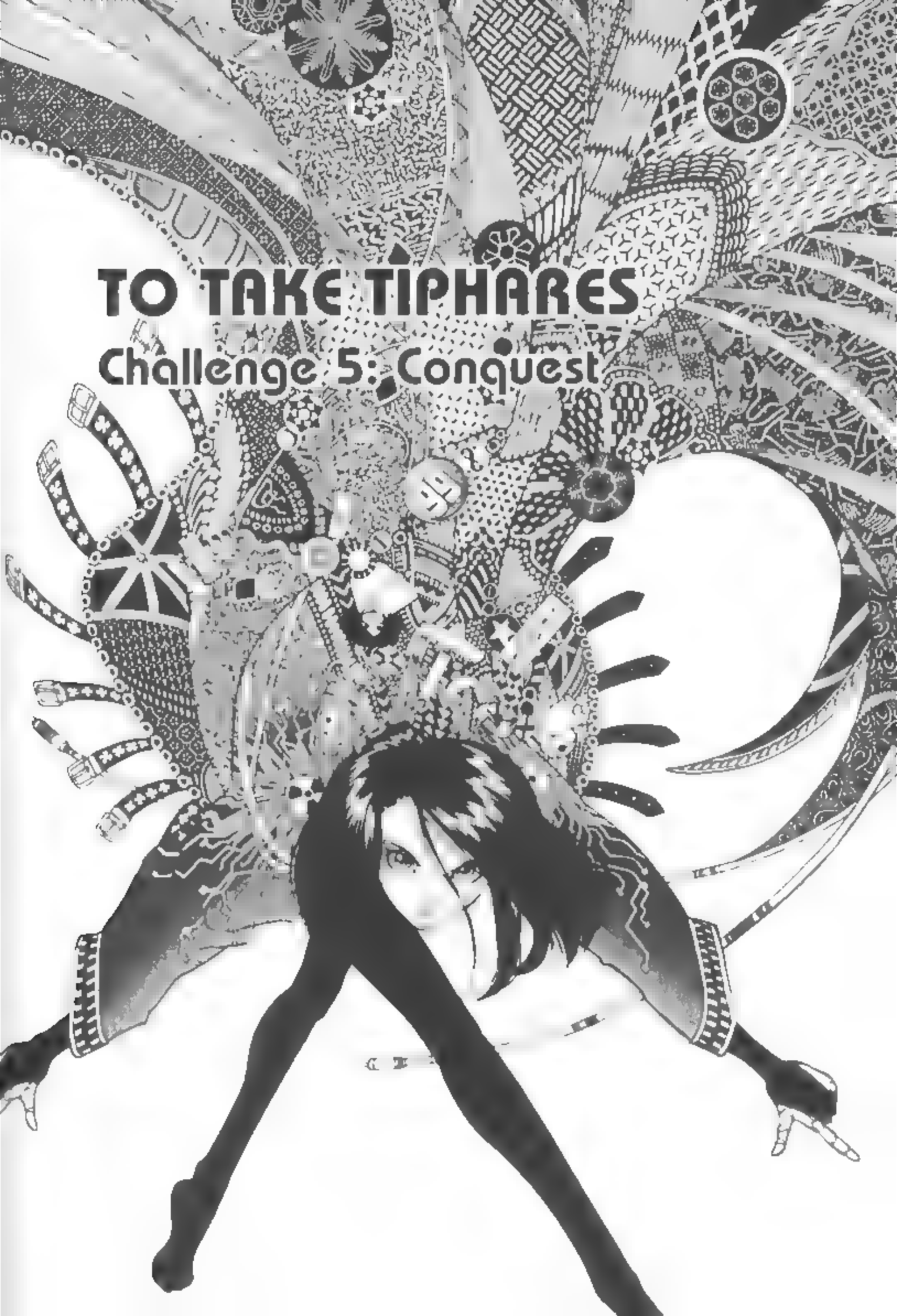
NNH
UGH ..! WHAT A HORRIBLE DREAM..
I'VE GOT TO FORGET THAT NIGHTMARE
OH! SHE SEEMS TO BE AWAKE NOW.
TAK
TAK
H-HOW DO YOU FEEL, ALITA...?
KYAHAHAHAHA! WELCOME TO UTOPIA, SWEETIE!
H-HUH !?

D-
DOCTOR
RUSSELL
!

AND DESTY
NOVA! BUT
I *KILLED*
YOU!
TUT TUT,
TUT!


THEN,
THIS
IS--!?

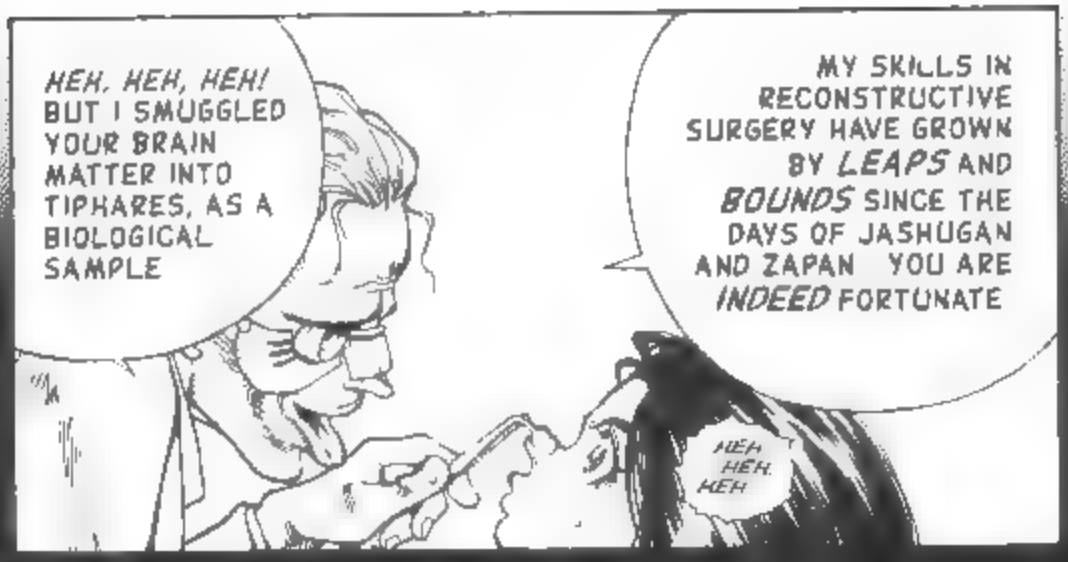


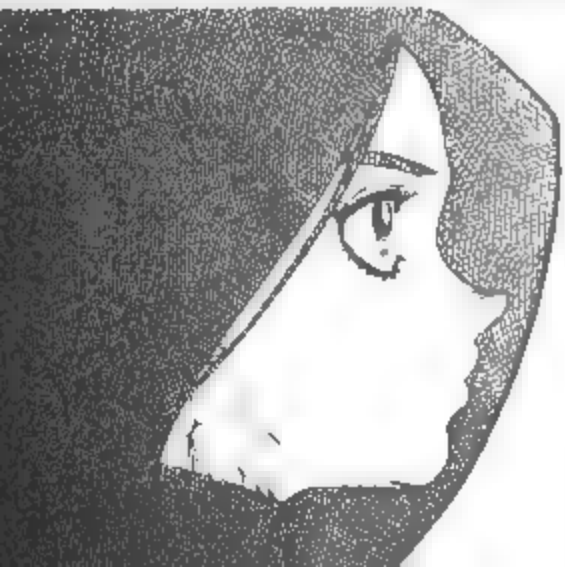


TO TAKE TIPHARES

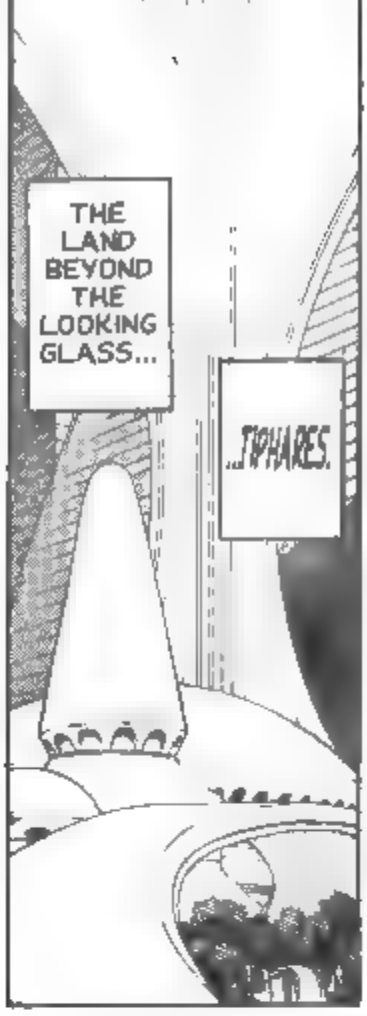
Challenge 5: Conquest

SKYWOOD
A CITY WHERE THE LAW IS ABSOLUTE WHERE THE LIGHT SHINES ABUNDANTLY
A CITY WITHOUT CRIME, UNEMPLOYMENT, FILTH OR UNWARRANTED DEATH
THIS IS TIPHARES, ALITA!
.....
THIS IS REAL, ISN'T IT...?



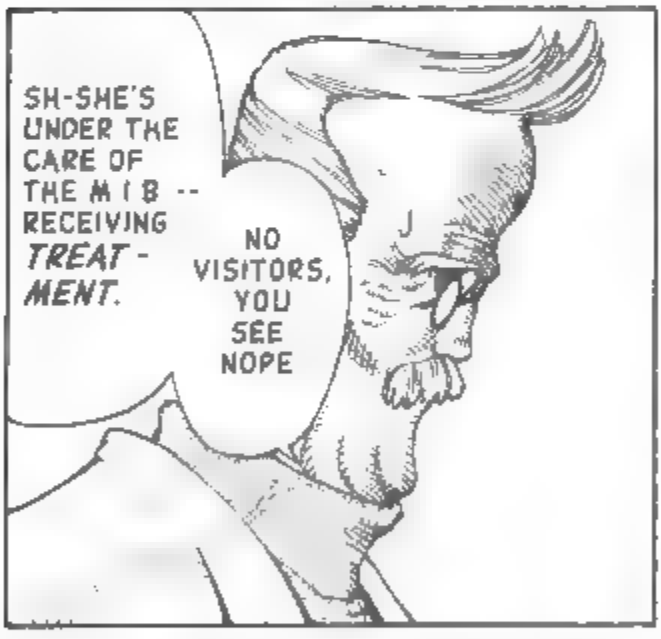


IN THE END, I WAS UNABLE TO DEFEAT NOVA. BUT I'VE NO QUALMS OR REGRETS ABOUT THAT


THE LAND BEYOND THE LOOKING GLASS...
...TWHARES.

AH!

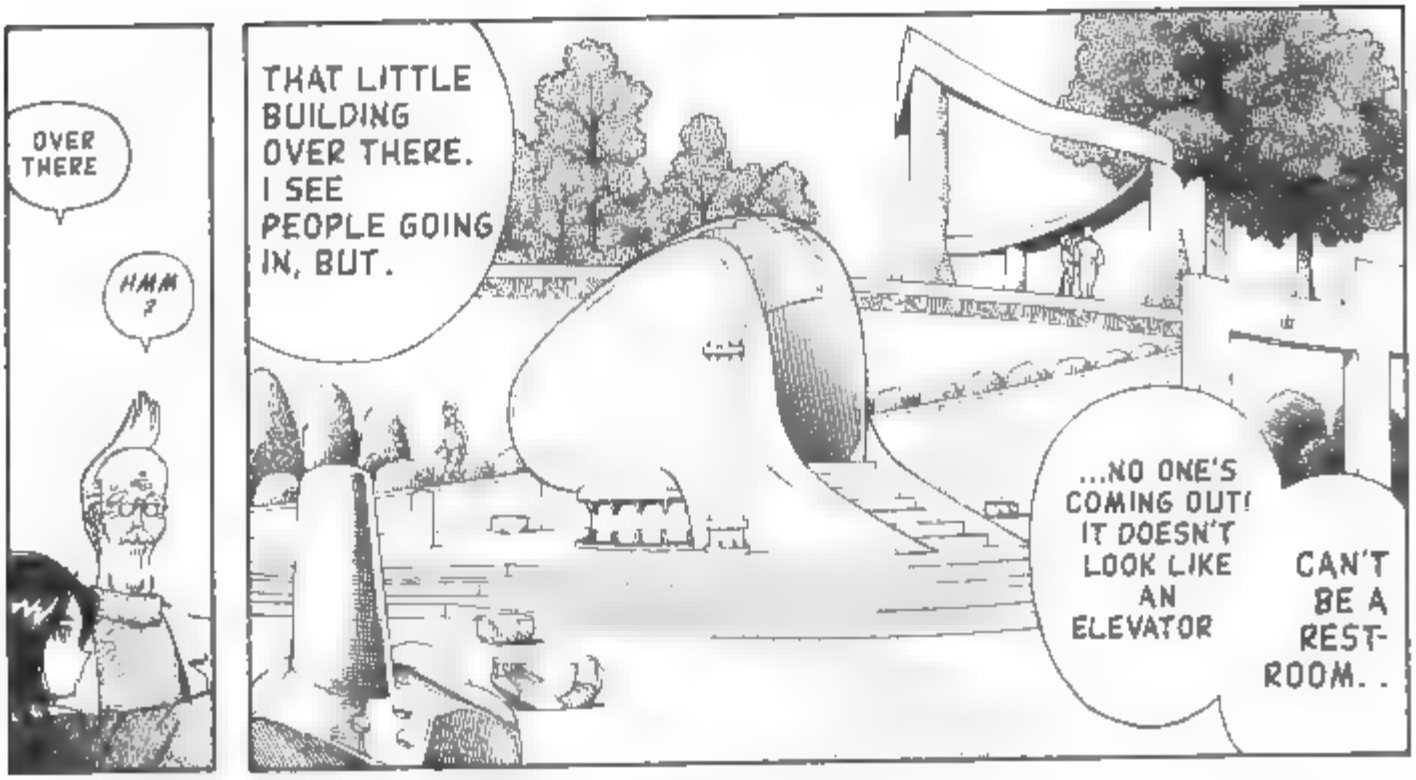
WHAT'S *LOU* UP TO NOW?
I HEARD SHE GOT FIRED FROM THE G.I.B....
OH, MISS COLLINS...?


SH-SHE'S UNDER THE CARE OF THE M I B -- RECEIVING *TREAT - MENT.*
NO VISITORS, YOU SEE NOPE

IS SHE *SICK* !?
WELL UH YEAH
ANYWAY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO A MUSEUM, OR PERHAPS AN ART GALLERY!?

.....

WHAT THE *HELL* IS NOVA THINKING !?
WHAT IF ALITA WERE TO CAUSE A COMMOTION? HOW WOULD HE EXPLAIN IT!?
DOES *CENTRAL COMMAND* KNOW ABOUT [illegible]!?


OVER THERE
HMM ?
THAT LITTLE BUILDING OVER THERE. I SEE PEOPLE GOING IN, BUT.
...NO ONE'S COMING OUT! IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE AN ELEVATOR
CAN'T BE A REST-ROOM. .

OH-- THAT
THAT MY DEAR IS
ENDJOY.
IT'S BASICALLY A PUBLIC SUICIDE BOOTH.

?!
ALITA !?

SWOOP

W-WELL, COMMITTING SUICIDE IS EVERY CITIZEN'S RIGHT, SO

AHHH H
AT LEAST SHE DIDN'T MAKE A SCENE!

WELCOME TO *ENDJOY*..

NOW JUST RELAX AND STEP THROUGH THE INNER HATCH

KREK
GRR
KDAK
GRNCH
KANG
KRNG
GRR
GREK

RABLAM

WHAT !?

WHAAA!
BWOOM
YAAAH

ploop
PLEP
YUGH! WHAT'S THAT SMELL !?
PLRP

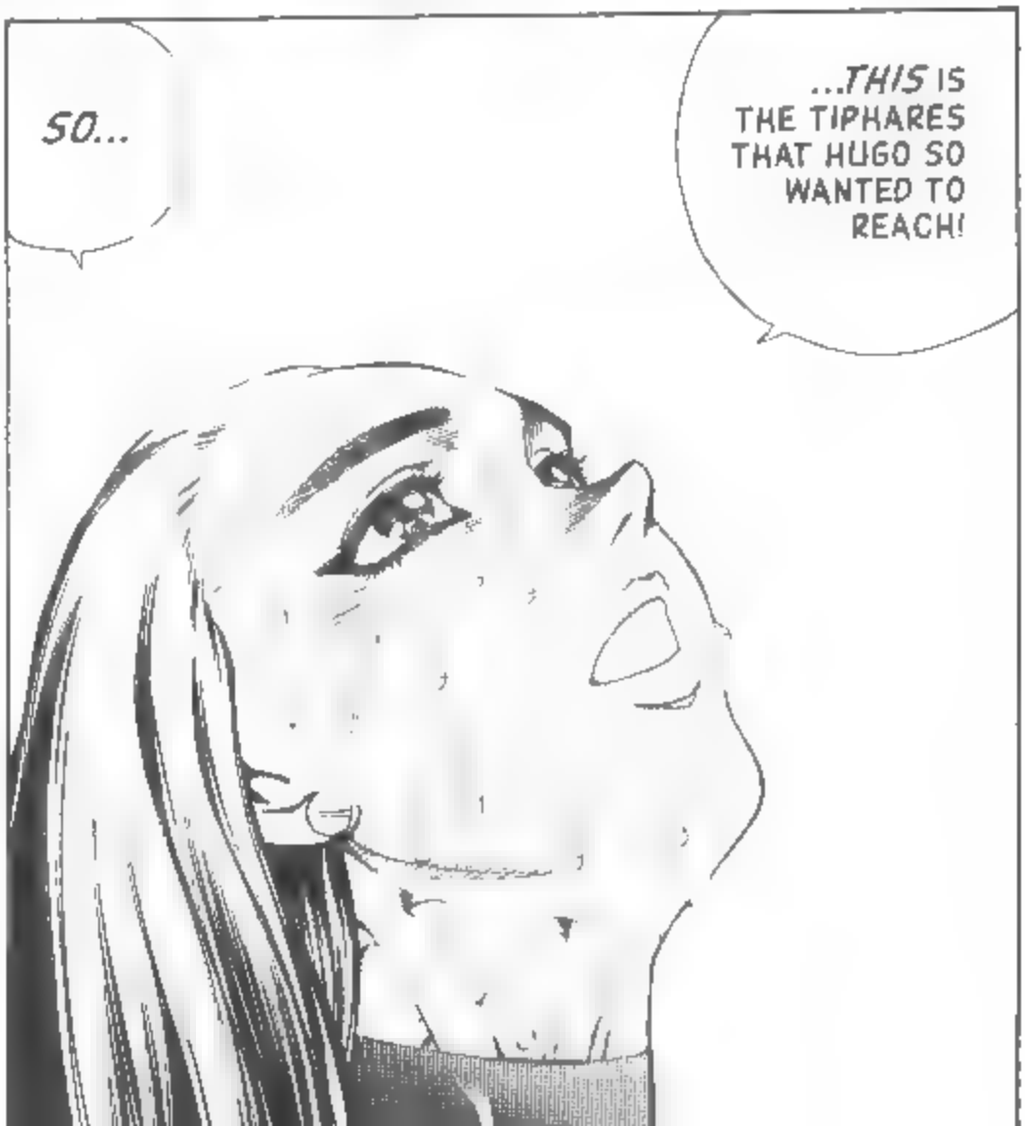
SO THIS IS THE GUTS OF TIPHARES.
plip
plop

SKRK

SHHAAA

WOOSH

HA, HA, HA..


SO...
...THIS IS THE TIPHARES THAT HUGO SO WANTED TO REACH!

WHAT HAVE YOU *DONE* !?
ARE YOU AWARE OF THE REPER-CUSSIONS!?

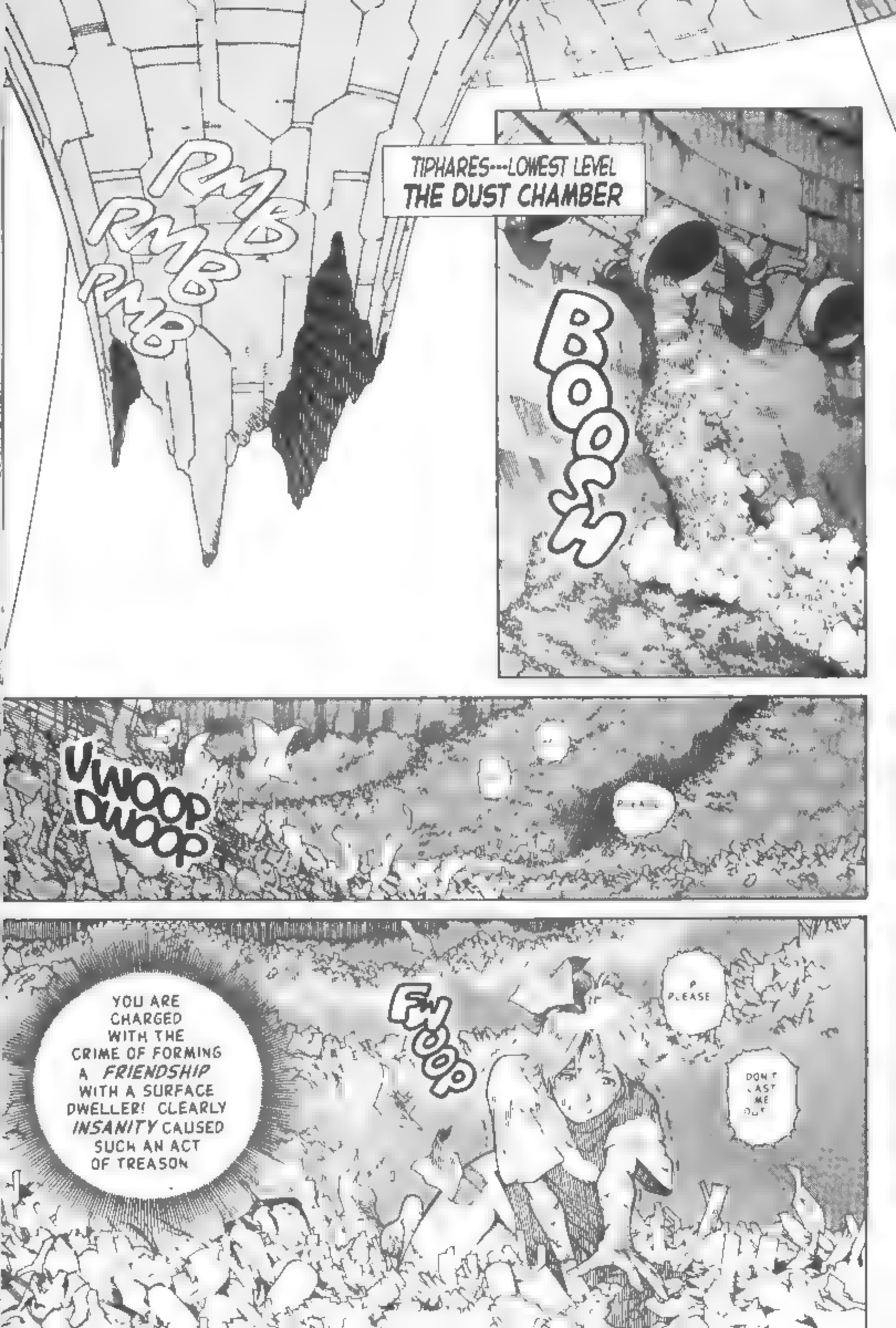
WHAT *RIGHT* DID YOU HAVE TO DO THAT!?
USE OF THE SUICIDE MACHINE IS *EVERY* TIPHAREAN'S PRIVILEGE! IT'S THE INVENTION OF A SUPERIOR RACE!

WING

YOU CAN'T UNDER--
WAH!
TMP

WHERE *IS* SHE!?
WHERE'S LOU!?
DR RUSSELL !

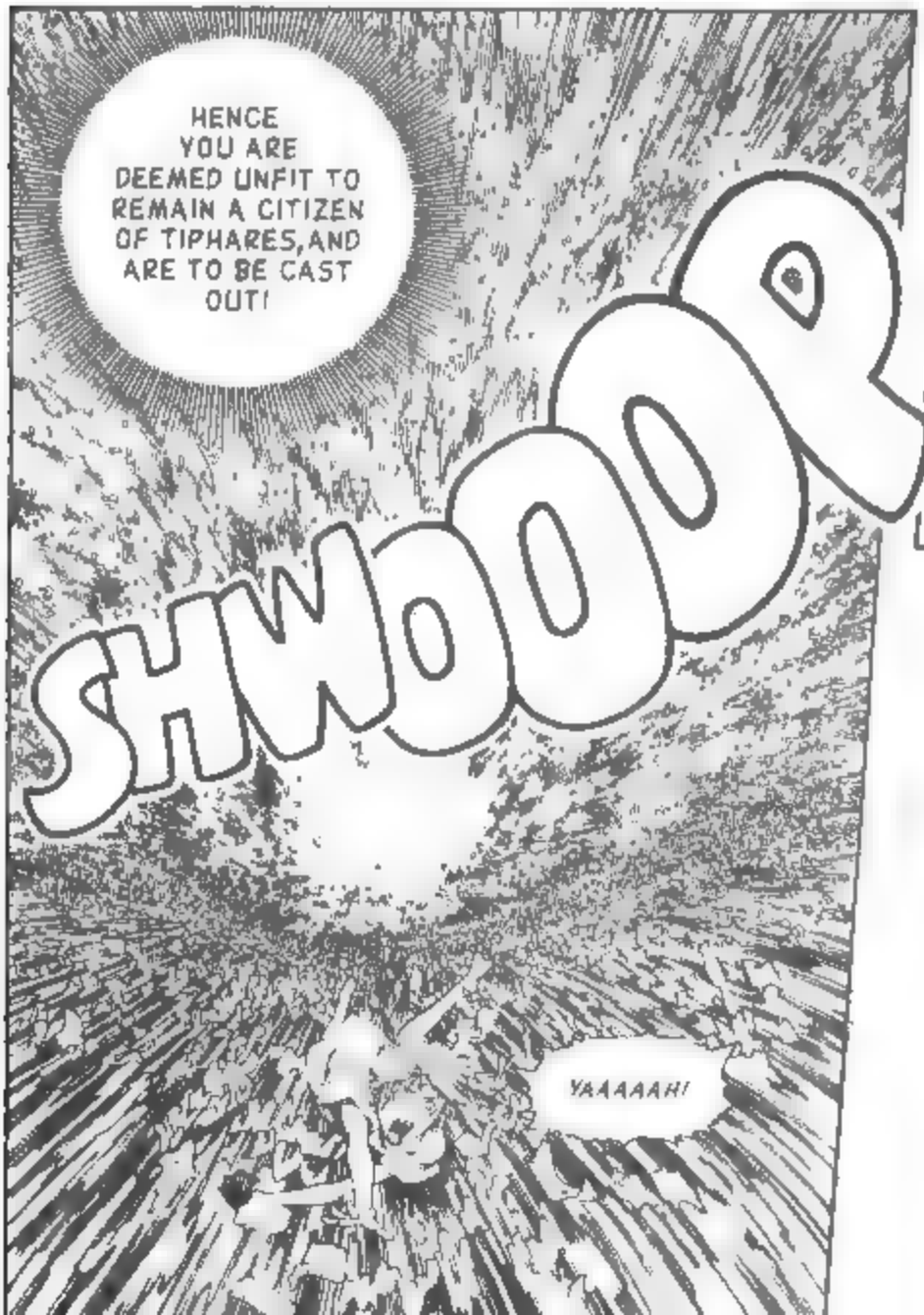
NO! NO! *NO!*
I *WON'T* LET YOU DESTROY OUR WAY OF LIFE ANY FURTHER!

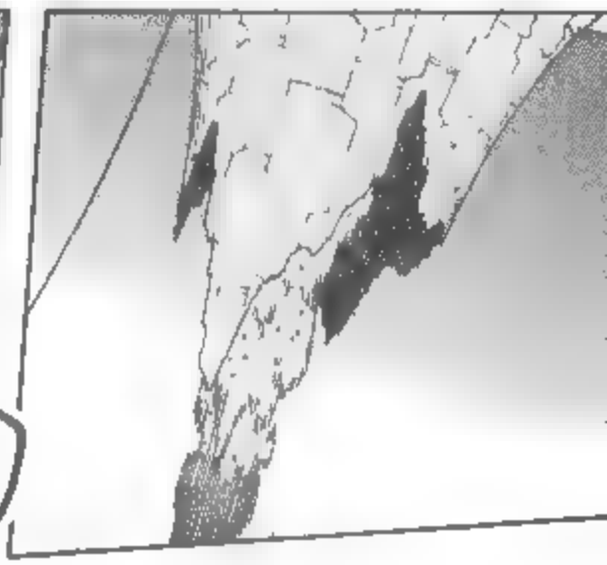

TIPHARES---LOWEST LEVEL
THE DUST CHAMBER
RMB
RMB
RMB
BOOOM
VWOOP
DWOOP
YOU ARE CHARGED WITH THE CRIME OF FORMING A *FRIENDSHIP* WITH A SURFACE DWELLER! CLEARLY *INSANITY* CAUSED SUCH AN ACT OF TREASON
FWOOP
PLEASE
DON'T LAST ME OUT

WE FIND IT *IMPROBABLE* THAT A PATIENT SUCH AS YOURSELF CAN BE CURED.
!!

A A-ALITA

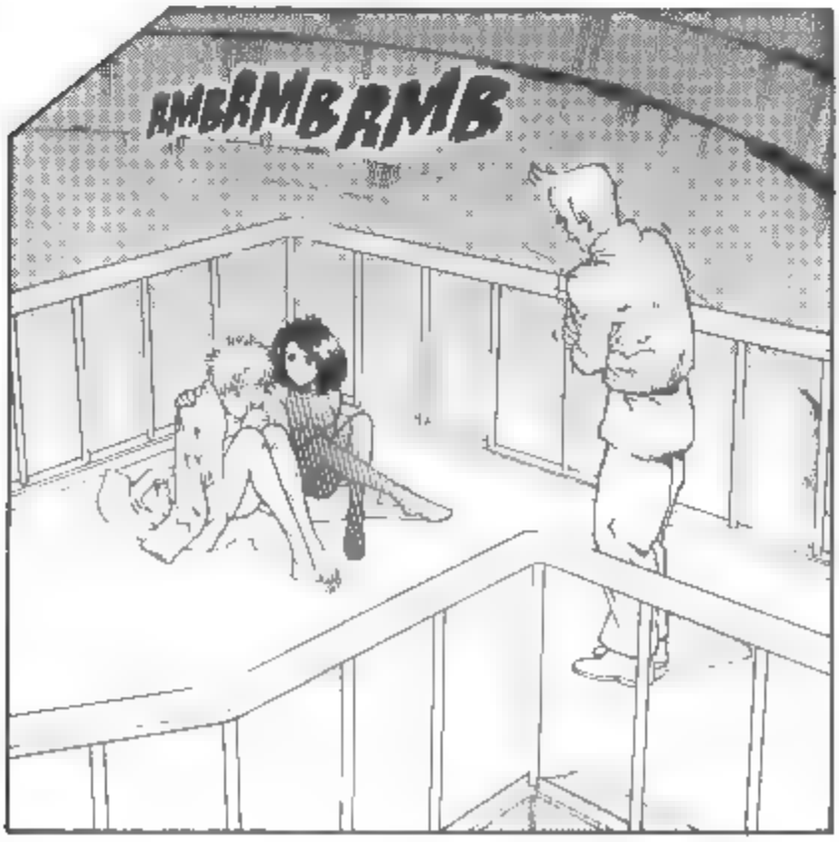
GAKUNK
AAAH

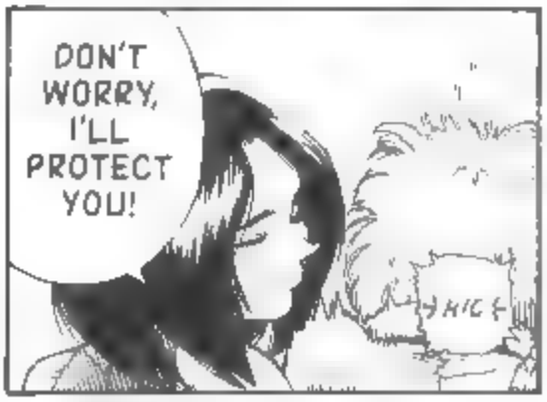

HENCE YOU ARE DEEMED UNFIT TO REMAIN A CITIZEN OF TIPHARES, AND ARE TO BE CAST OUT!
SHWOOOP
YAAAAAH!



I MADE IT THIS TIME.

A-ALITA... IS THAT *YOU?*

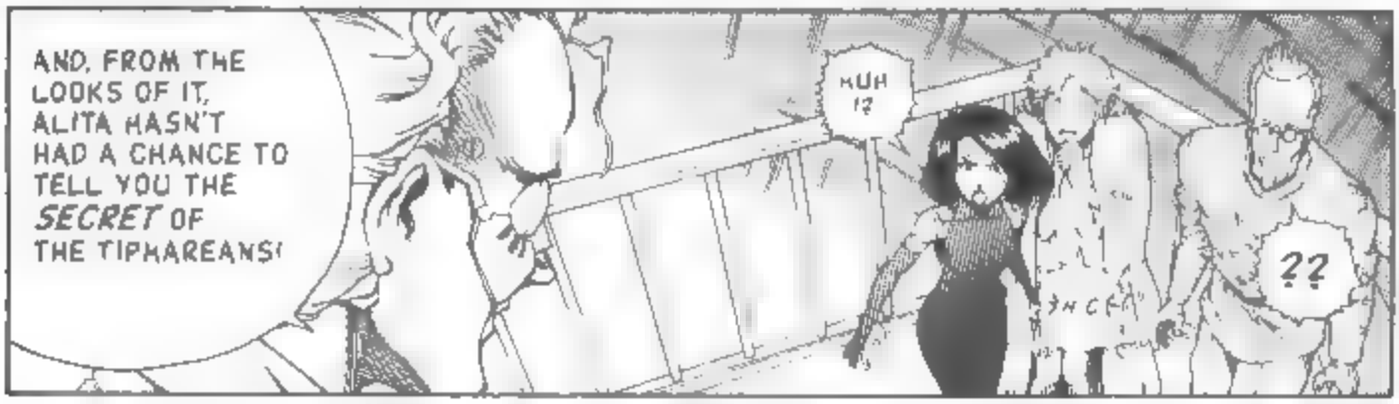




OH, SO THERE YOU ARE
N-NOVA !

PROFESSOR NOVA PLEASE! BEFORE SHE CAUSES ANY MORE TROUBLE !
PLEASE LEAVE THIS PLACE-- GO TO LADDER OR KETHERES-- AND TAKE HER WITH YOU!

SADLY, THE ORBITAL ELEVATORS AREN'T FUNCTIONING YET


AND, FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, ALITA HASN'T HAD A CHANCE TO TELL YOU THE SECRET OF THE TIPHAREANS!
HUH ??
??

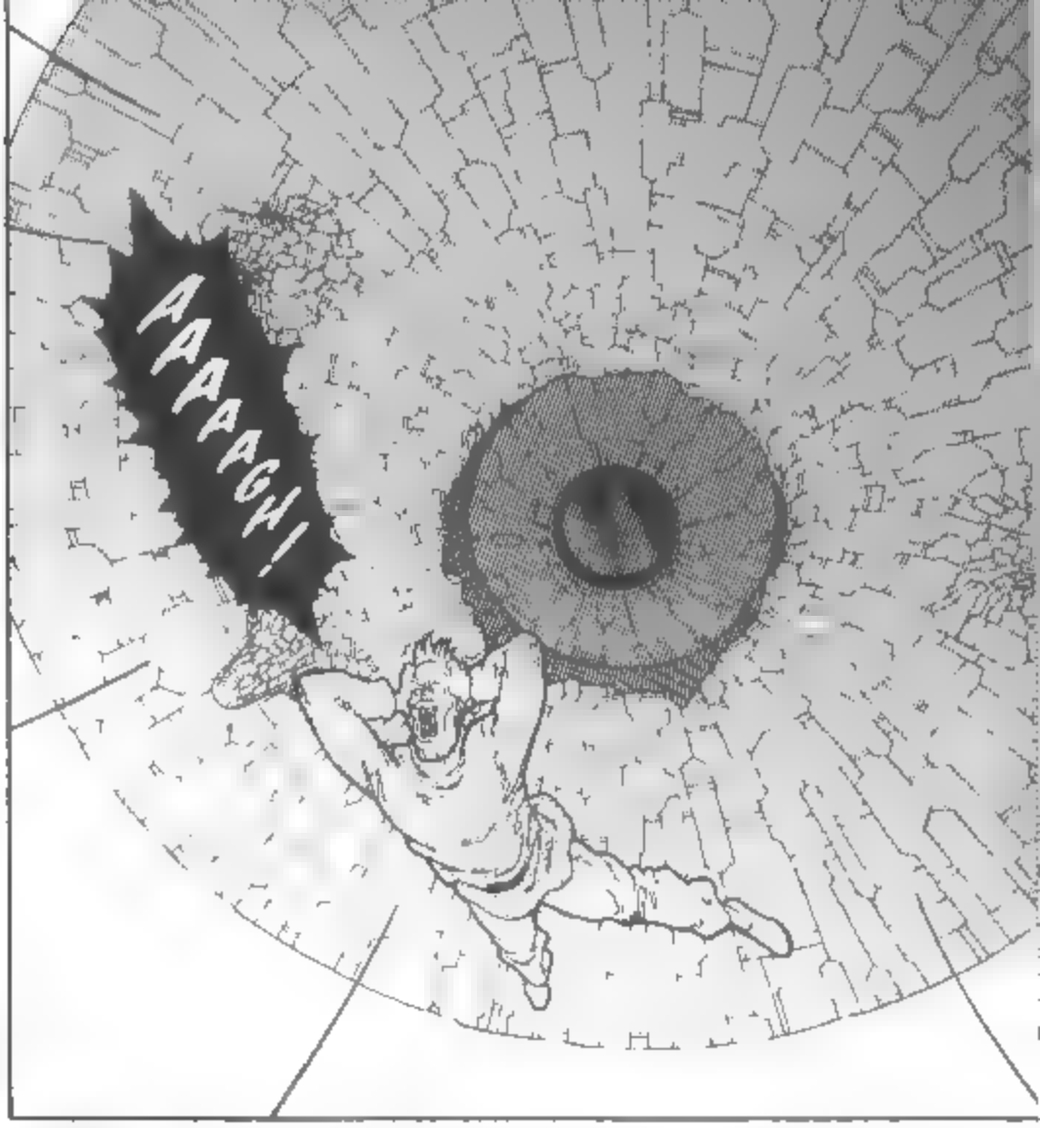
NO! DON'T SAY IT!

?

WHAT SECRET ?

THIS SECRET !
PWONG

HUH?! DR RUSSELL ?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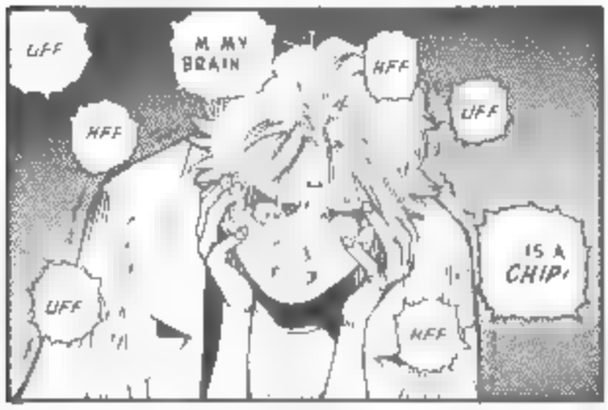
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M MY BRAIN
HFF
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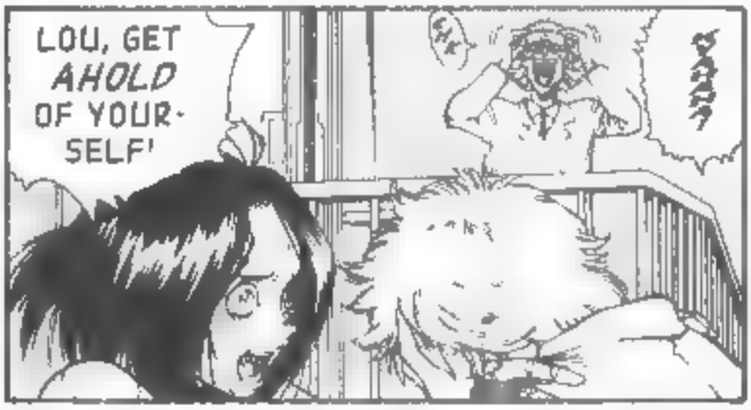
IS A CHIP!
UFF
HFF


LOU, GET AHOLD OF YOUR-SELF!
?

HEY! MY HICCUPS STOPPED!
mmm

OHO
LOU! Y YOU'RE OKAY?

THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT NOW! I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING ALITA!

THERE'S AN *"INITIATION"* GOING ON TODAY!

WE HAVE TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN'S BRAINS FROM THESE MADMEN, ALITA!

OKAY !

HOLD ON, ALITA!

LET'S *THINK* THIS THROUGH .

PRESENTLY, *NO ONE* ON TIPHARES IS MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU

THINK OF THE RAMIFI-CATIONS OF THAT!

HUH ?

TIPHARES THE FACTORIES THE SCRAPYARD. THEY ALL RUN LIKE *CLOCKWORK!* TOGETHER, THEY COMPRISE A DELICATELY BALANCED *SYSTEM* THAT CONTROLS THE LIVES OF *MILLIONS* OF PEOPLE

AND *YOU* ARE THE SOLE PERSON WHO CAN UPSET THAT BALANCE!

NO ONE CAN STOP YOU! *NO ONE!*

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE THE FATE OF THE WORLD IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND!?

YOU, ALITA, ARE FREE!

IF YOU *THINK* ABOUT IT..

WHY, YOU CAN DO *WHATEVER* YOU *DESIRE!*

OH!

ALITA ?

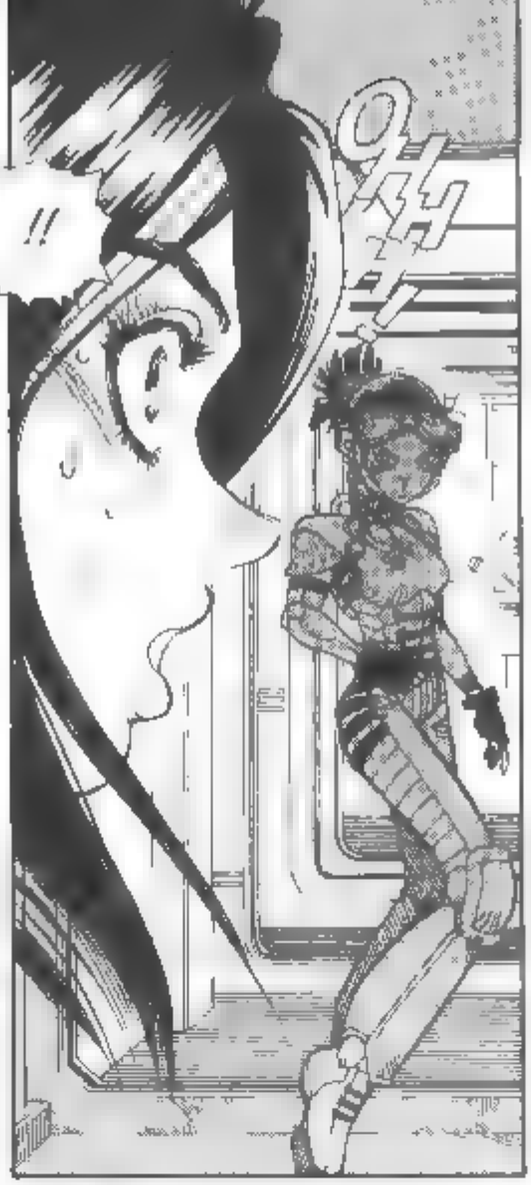
WHAT I DO CAN CHANGE THE FATE OF THE ENTIRE *WORLD* ?

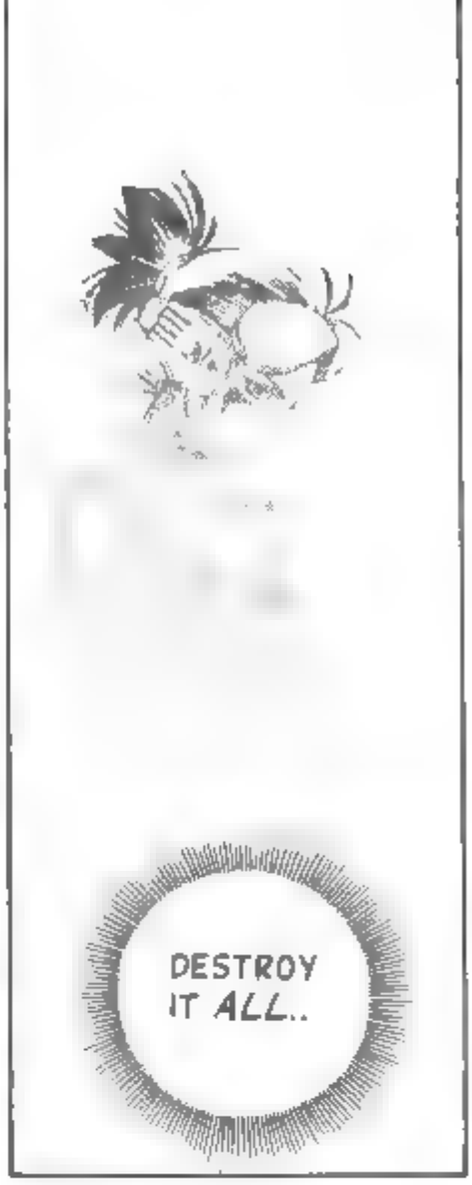
WH-WHY ME !?

IF IT WAS *DEN*, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN *HAPPY!*

THE PEAK OF *THIS* MOUNTAIN WAS LEFT *SOLELY* FOR *YOU* DEAR

DESTROY IT.

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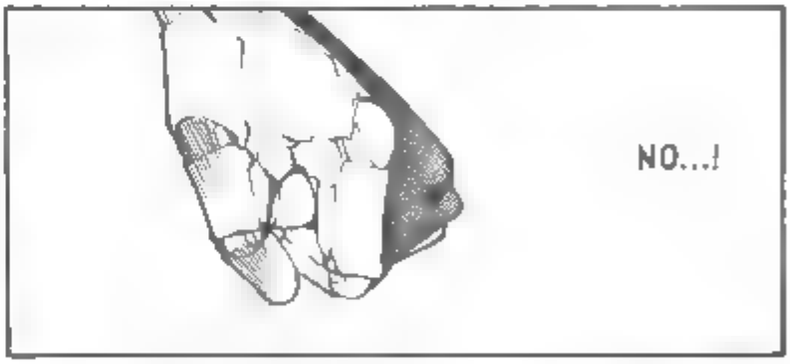
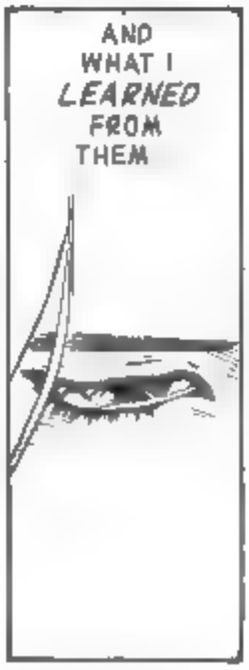

NO...!

I'M NOT LIKE YOKO! I'M NOT A TERRORIST

I'M BEYOND DEN'S COMPULSION TO IMPOSE HIS PERSONAL BRAND OF JUSTICE ON OTHERS I'M OVER ZAPAN'S LUST FOR REVENGE!


AND WHAT I LEARNED FROM THEM

ALITA ?
I'M ALL RIGHT

JUST GOT A LITTLE DIZZY, THAT'S ALL

NOVA !
EVERYONE HAS WINGS THEY CANNOT SEE.

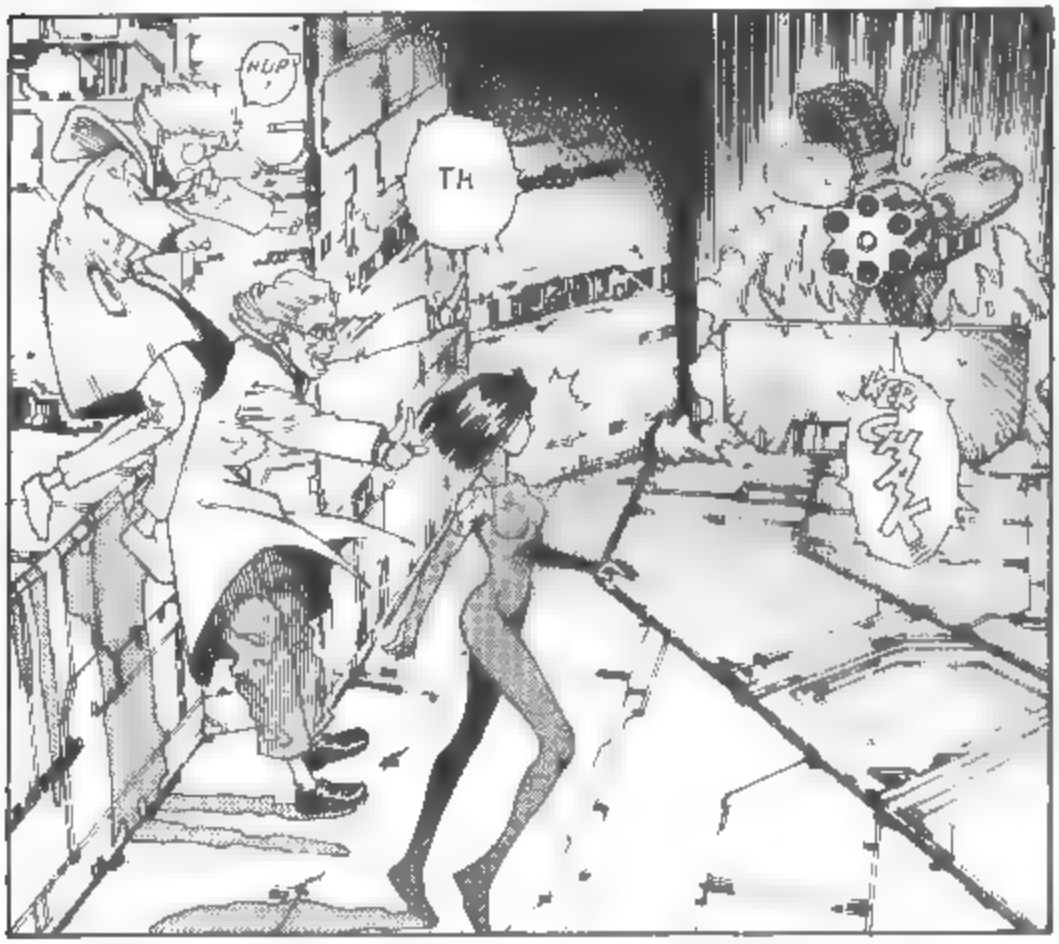
IF THERE IS *ONE* THING I DESIRE FOR THIS WORLD...

...IT'S FOR EVERYONE TO FLY WITH THEIR *OWN* WINGS!

SLAMASH
I-I DON'T KNOW
I HAVE A TERRIBLE SENSE OF DIRECTION
IS THIS THE RIGHT WAY TO THE INITIATION RITUAL?
WE'VE MADE IT TO THE SECTORS RESERVED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE M.I.B.
WE SHOULD BE

WHAT IS PROFESSOR NOVA UP TO . ?

OH, YES! ALITA, BEFORE I FORGET, I SHOULD TELL YOU ABOUT..

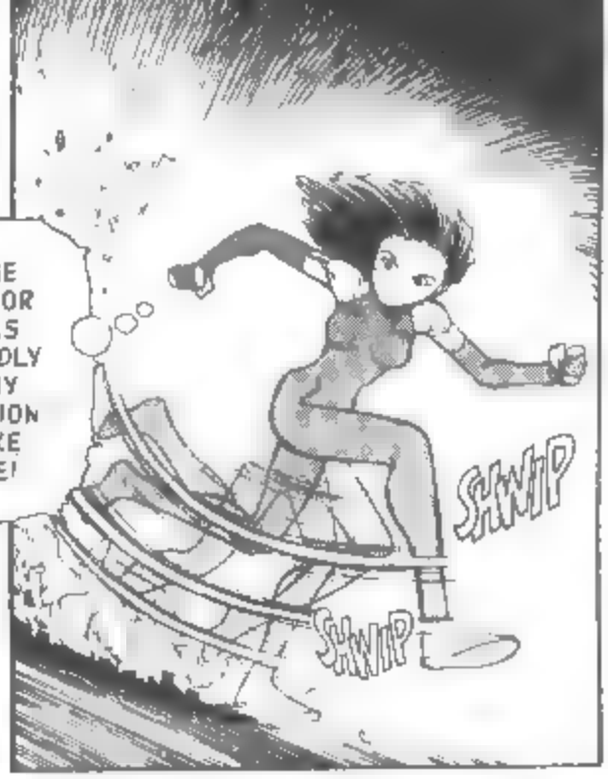

HUP!
TH

OH, GREAT !
0.01 SEC. ELAPSED

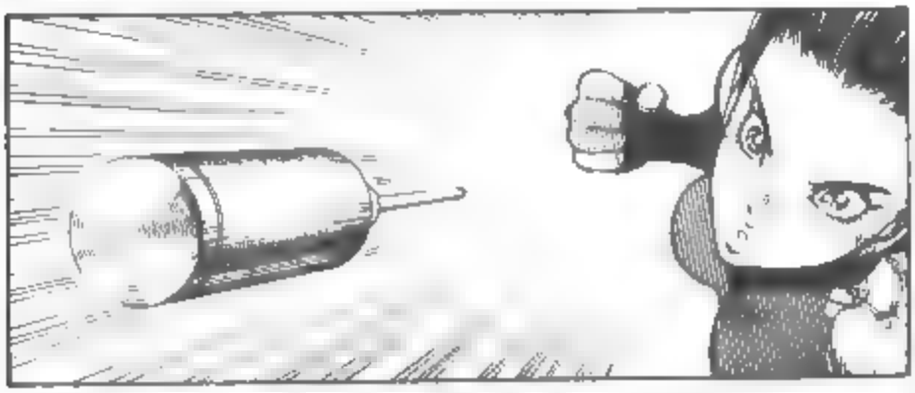
0.05 SEC. ELAPSED
DON'T CARE ABOUT NOVA, BUT IF I DODGE, LOU WILL BE HIT!
CAN'T MAKE IT IN--

WHEEM
NGH !
?
VIP VIPVIP
SO DARK !
AND I CAN'T BREATHE... !
AIR FEELS HEAVY... LIKE CEMENT !
WHAT'S HAPPENING... ?

SHWIP
THE FLOOR HAS HARDLY ANY FRICTION LIKE ICE!


SHWIP
SHWIP

STARTING TO MOVE FORWARD.
BEGINNING TO UNDER-STAND.



PING

WHAT!? RESISTANCE-- JUST GOT HARDER!?
GA

IT BROKE THROUGH!
BANG

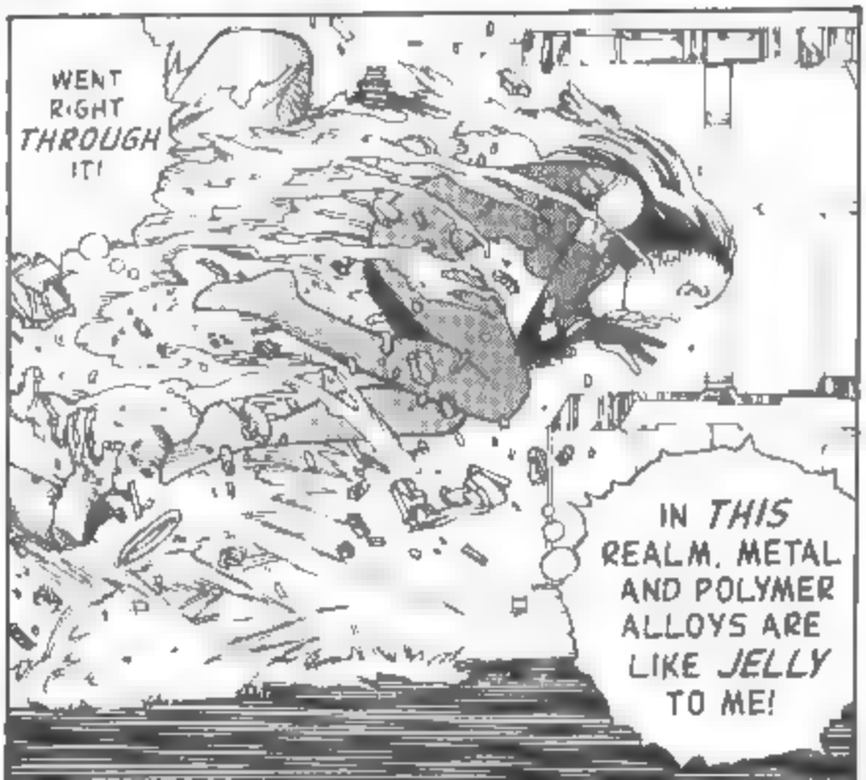
WHOA!

A SONIC BOOM! THEN THAT RESISTANCE MUST HAVE BEEN THE FAMOUS SOUND BARRIER!
HA HA! THAT'S COOL!

AS I RUN THE AREA IN *FRONT* OF ME
--GETS BRIGHTER, GLOWS BLUE-WHITE!

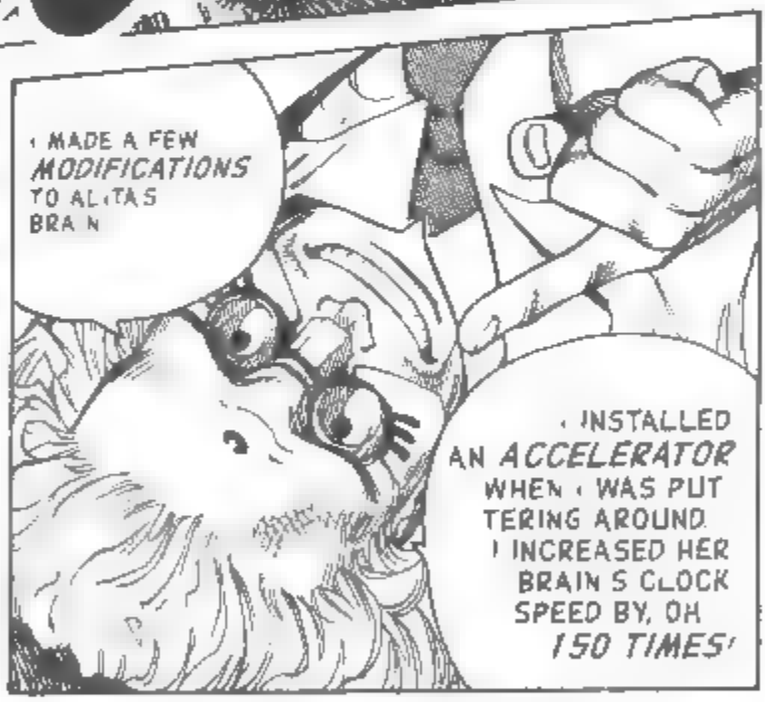
AND THE AREA *BEHIND* LOOKS DARK
A TWILIGHT ORANGE LIGHT

UH-OH!
NOW I CAN'T *STOP!*


WENT RIGHT *THROUGH* IT!
IN *THIS* REALM, METAL AND POLYMER ALLOYS ARE LIKE *JELLY* TO ME!

SKNOOP
BABOOM!
0.09 SEC. ELAPSED

EEEK! WHAT HAPPENED !?
I I THINK MY EXPLANATION COMES A BIT TOO LATE


I MADE A FEW MODIFICATIONS TO ALITAS BRAIN
I INSTALLED AN ACCELERATOR WHEN I WAS PUTTERING AROUND. I INCREASED HER BRAIN'S CLOCK SPEED BY, OH 150 TIMES!

LOOKS LIKE IT WORKS FINE
SHHHH
I'LL SAY!
I CAN EVEN USE THE PLASMA JETS LIKE A BRAKE GOT IT YEAH

SKREE
UH... WHO ARE YOU?
IT'S OKAY-- CHILL!
OH, MY GOSH!
HEY, EVERYBODY, LISTEN UP HERE!
THE INITIATION IS A SHAM! THEY STEAL OUR BRAINS.
Poop
...AND GIVE US TIPHAREAN CITIZENSHIP IN EXCHANGE FOR OUR HUMANITY-- OUR FREEDOM!
HEY, EGGO
WHA-?!

UH, MISS...?
WHAT EXACTLY ARE "HUMANITY" AND "FREEDOM"?
!?

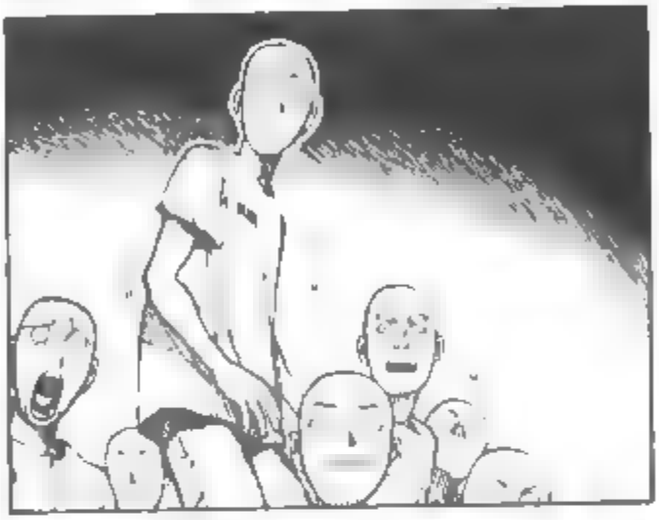
I CAN'T SEE WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO WITH BEING A PART OF TIPHAREAN SOCIETY!
TH-THAT'S RIGHT!
ALL OF US HAVE FINALLY ATTAINED OFFICIAL CITIZENSHIP!
WHO ARE YOU TO DENY US THAT!?

YAAAA
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!
WE DON'T WANT OUR BRAINS! GIVE US OUR FUTURE!

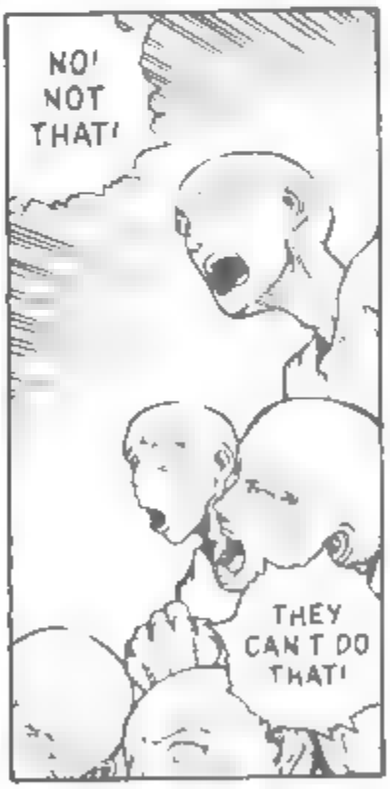
B-BUT...
KYAHAHA-HAHA! WHAT DID YOU EXPECT!?

KA SKRNG

WAKE UP!



IN A FEW YEARS, TIPHARES AND THE SCRAPYARD WILL BE JOINED BY A TOWER
ALL THE JUNKIES AND CYBER-FREAKS WILL BE CLAWING THEIR WAY UP HERE
IS THAT THE FUTURE YOU'RE WILLING TO TRADE YOUR *MINDS* FOR?!


NO! NOT THAT!
THEY CAN'T DO THAT!

I'M NOT SO SURE ANYMORE

YOU'RE GOING TO FIND OUT WHAT IT *REALLY* MEANS TO LIVE.
THIS S CRAZY!

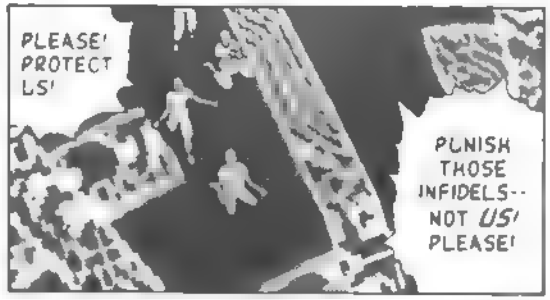
PMBOMB
!?
WHAT THE !?

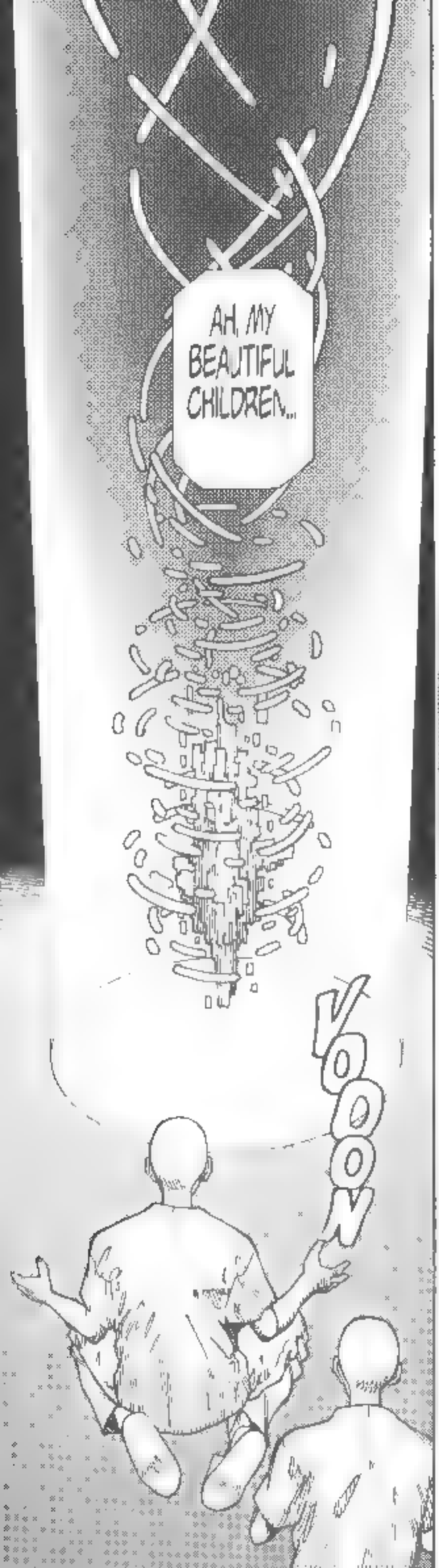
VRREEEK
THE WALLS!

SKR EESH

ZWOOOM

WH WHERE ARE WE



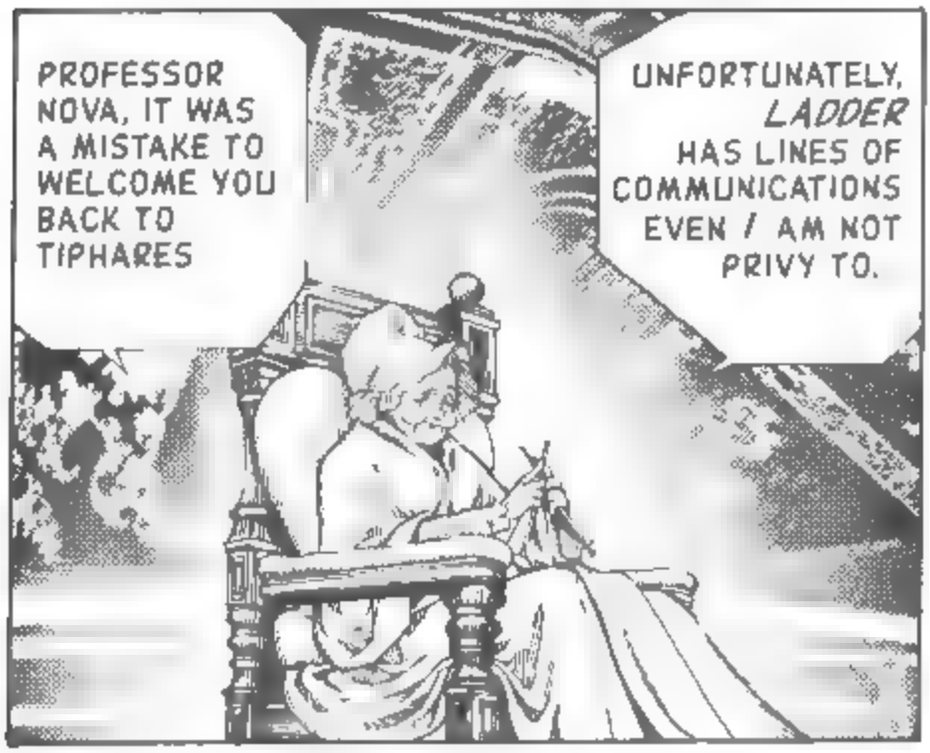

AH, MY BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN...
VOOON

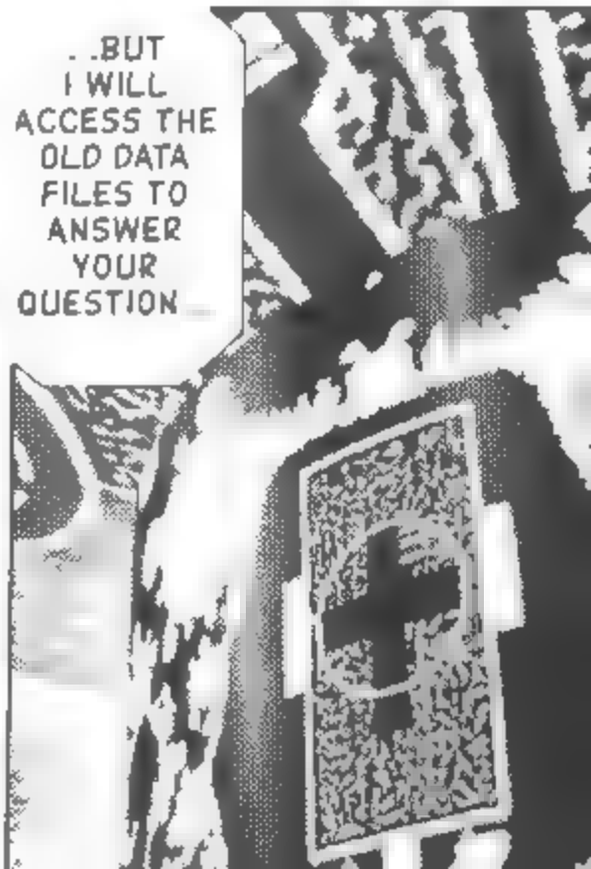
I'M AFRAID I NO LONGER HAVE THE *STRENGTH* TO PRESERVE THE PEACE HERE ON TIPHARES FROM THESE PEOPLE
THAT CAN'T BE TRUE!

THOSE OF YOU WHO PLOT MY DEMISE .IF YOU THINK DEFEATING ME WILL BRING THE PEOPLE HAPPINESS--YOU ARE MISTAKEN
I AM *TRUE* HAPPINESS— AN EXPANDED REFLECTION OF HUMAN IDEALS

I DIDN'T COME HERE FOR REVENGE
IF ANYTHING, I WANT YOUR HELP-- TO CREATE A NEW WORLD. .FOR EVERYONE
GYAAH
ARE YOU NUTS!? DON'T YOU REALIZE THAT GRANNY HERE STOLE MY BRAIN!? YOU CAN'T JOIN FORCES WITH HER!
GRRR
QUITE A GRUDGE EH LOU?

MELCHIZEDEK, I WAS SUMMONED BY LADDER, BUT BEFORE I GO TO THE OUTER ATMOSPHERE CITY OF KETHERES, THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO KNOW
WHAT.. IS TIPHARES !?


PROFESSOR NOVA, IT WAS A MISTAKE TO WELCOME YOU BACK TO TIPHARES
UNFORTUNATELY, LADDER HAS LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS EVEN I AM NOT PRIVY TO.


..BUT I WILL ACCESS THE OLD DATA FILES TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION

IN ORDER TO REVITALIZE HUMANITY AND PROTECT IT FROM EXTINCTION, A PLAN WAS FORMED TO EXPAND INTO OUTER SPACE.

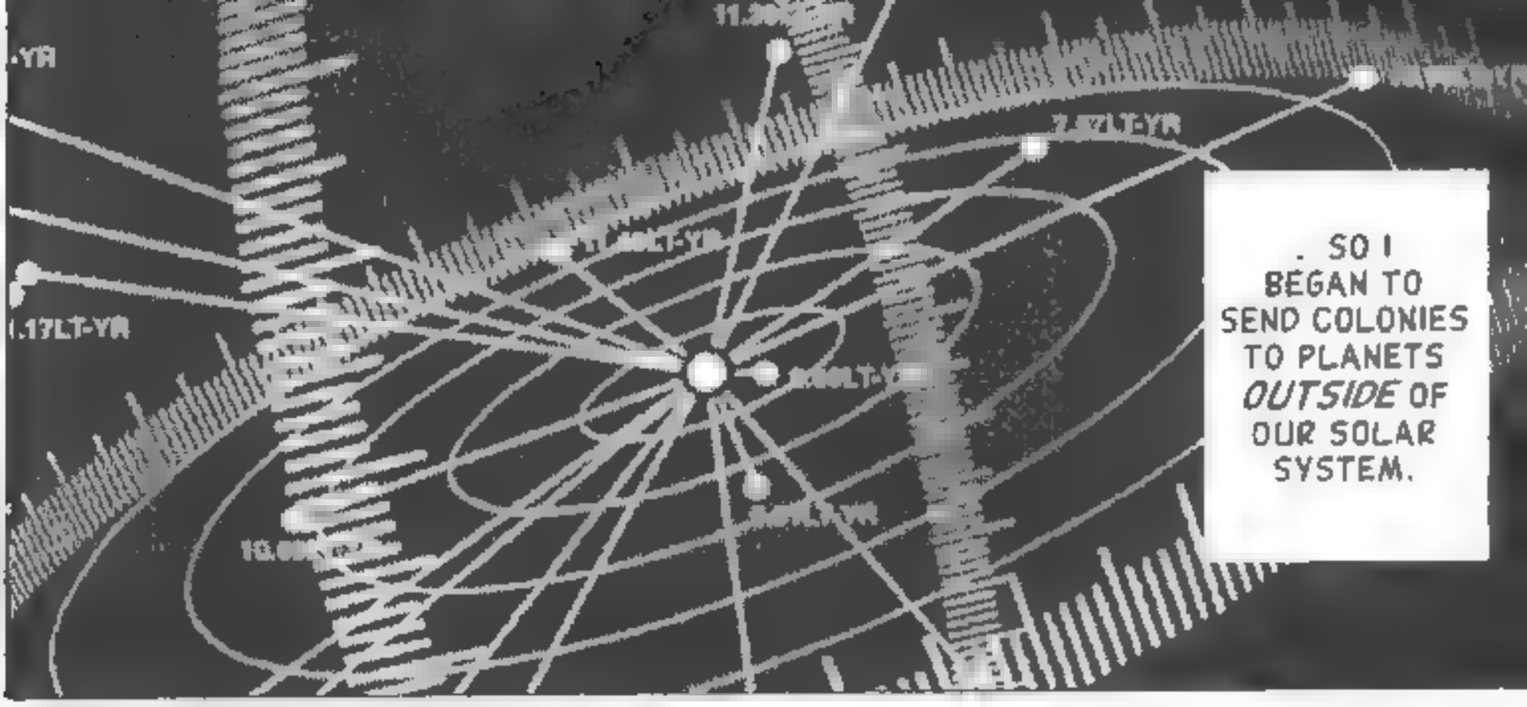
TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, CONSTRUCTION BEGAN ON THE ORBITAL ELEVATOR *JACOB'S LADDER** I DEVOTED ALL MY RESOURCES TO ITS COMPLETION. IT WAS A GOLDEN AGE.

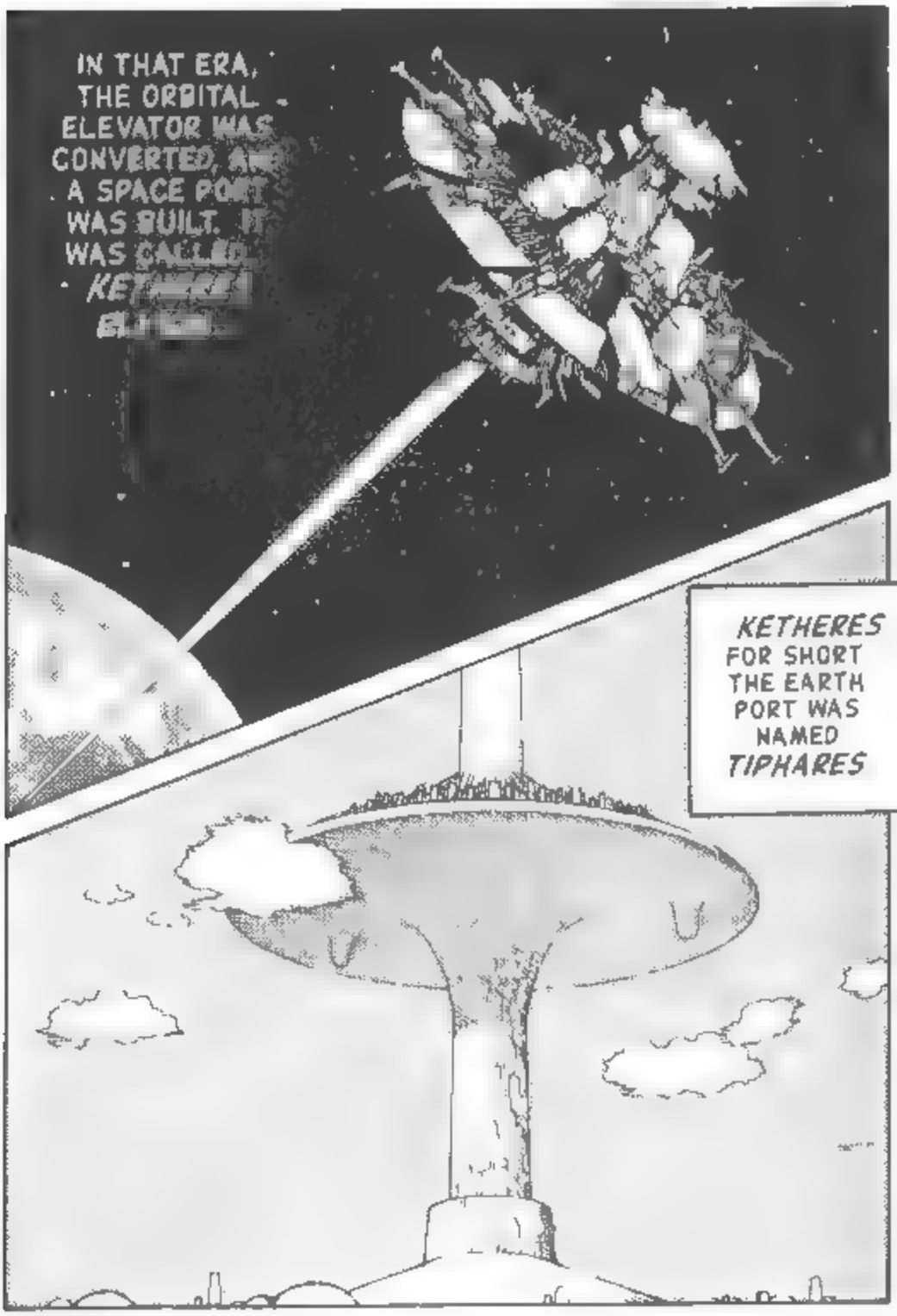
MANKIND SPREAD TO THE MOON... MARS, VENUS... AND THEN TO THE GALILEO SATELLITES**

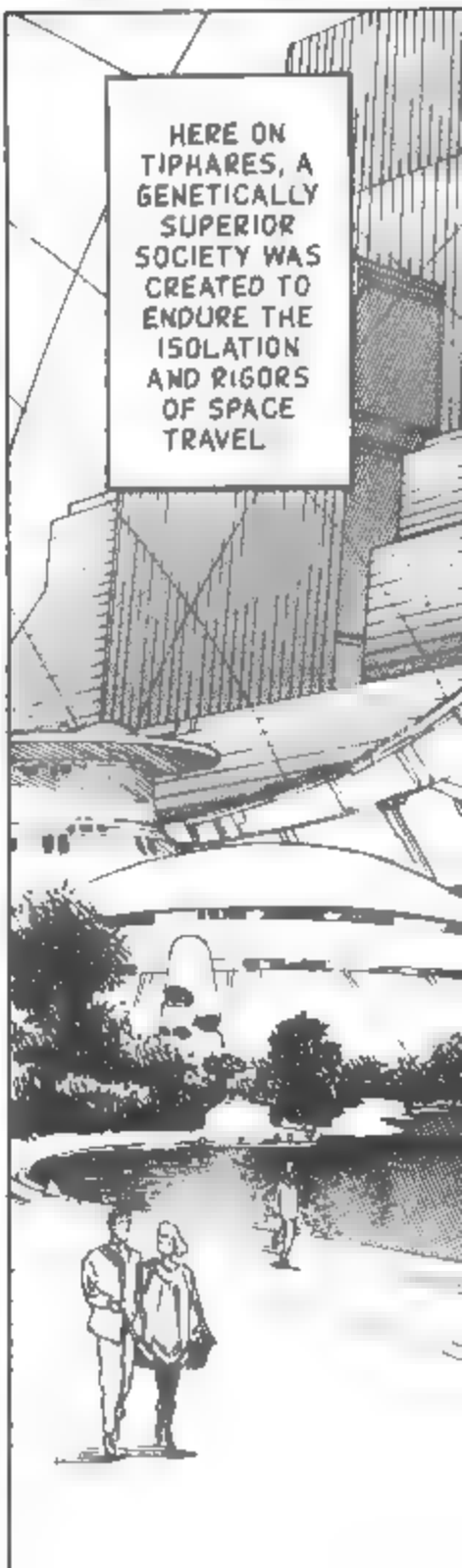
THE COLONISTS TRANSPLANTED THEMSELVES TO THEIR NEW HOMES. IN TIME, THEY NO LONGER NEEDED MY SUPPORT.

*JACOB'S LADDER: IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, JACOB DREAMT OF A LADDER WHICH ANGELS USED TO CLIMB TO AND FROM THE HEAVENS.

**GALILEO SATELLITES: THE MOONS OF JUPITER, IO, EUROPA, GANYMEDE AND CALLISTO DISCOVERED BY GALILEO.


. SO I BEGAN TO SEND COLONIES TO PLANETS *OUTSIDE* OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM.


IN THAT ERA, THE ORBITAL ELEVATOR WAS CONVERTED, AND A SPACE PORT WAS BUILT. IT WAS CALLED *KETHERES* ELEVATOR.
KETHERES FOR SHORT THE EARTH PORT WAS NAMED *TIPHARES*


HERE ON TIPHARES, A GENETICALLY SUPERIOR SOCIETY WAS CREATED TO ENDURE THE ISOLATION AND RIGORS OF SPACE TRAVEL

STARSHIPS! SO WE COULD EACH BECOME ONE OF THE CHOSEN?! WE COULD TAKE THAT JOURNEY?

NO, NO! YOU MAY CONVINCE THE OTHERS WITH YOUR STORY-- BUT YOU WON'T CONVINCE ME!

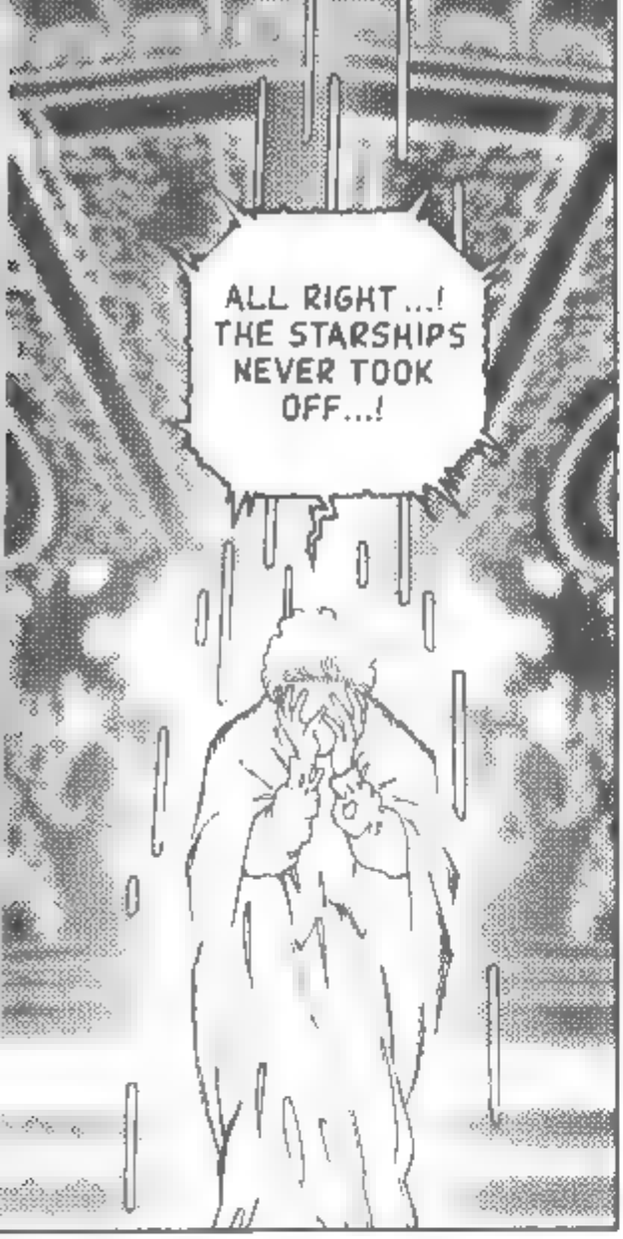
ACCORDING TO THE DATA I ACQUIRED INDEPENDENTLY THE ORBITAL ELEVATOR HASN'T OPERATED EVEN ONCE IN THE LAST TWO CENTURIES!
WHISPERS OF INTERPLANETARY WAR . THE CREATION OF THE SCRAPYARD. ALL HAVE OCCURRED IN THE LAST TWO HUNDRED YEARS!

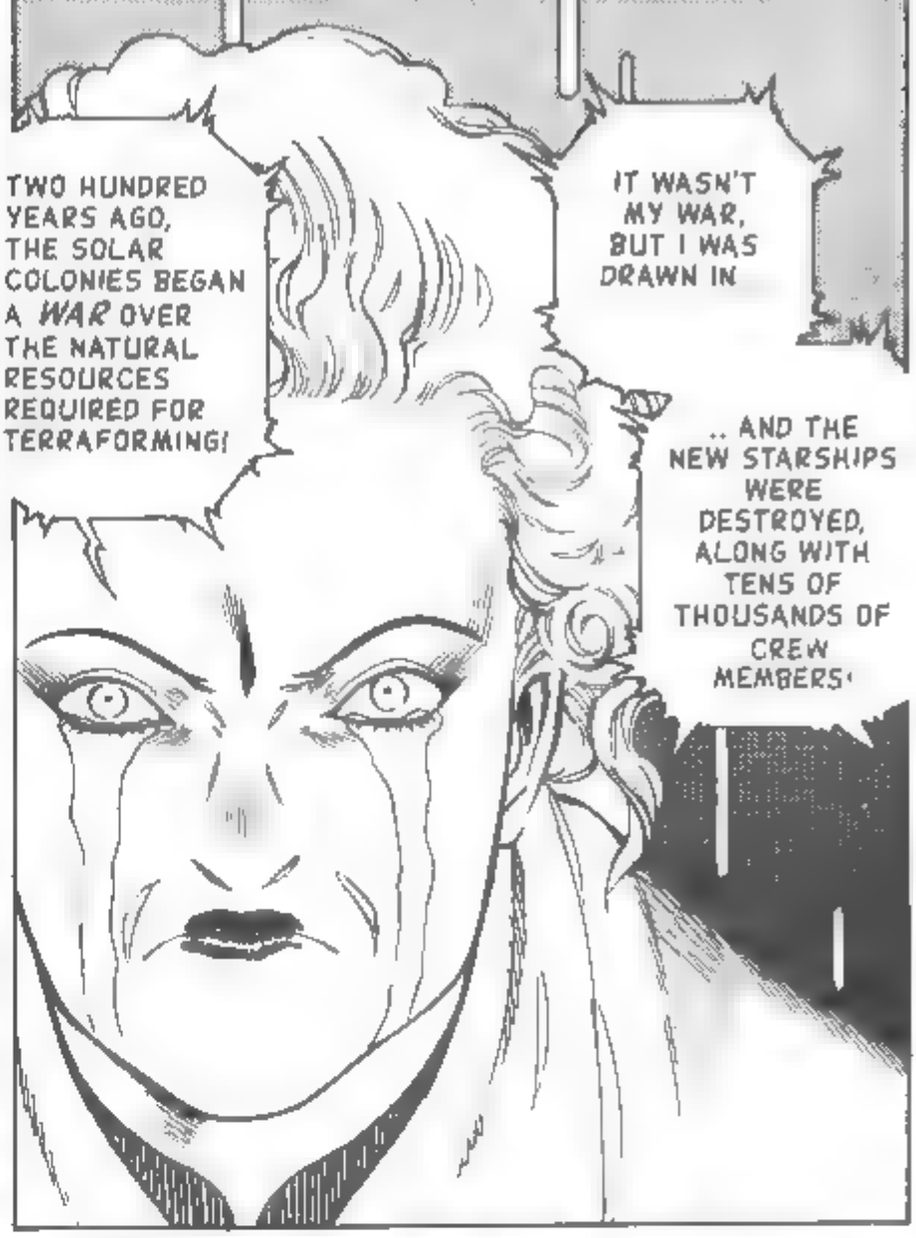
TELL ME - WHAT REALLY HAPPENED DURING THOSE CENTURIES !?
I DO NOT UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION

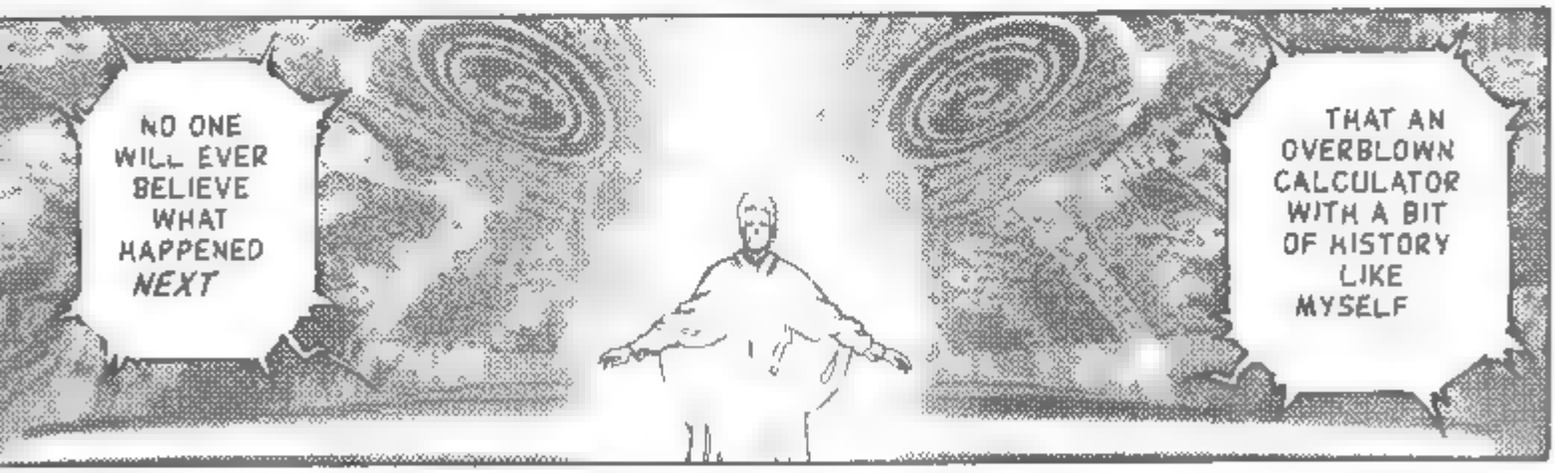
-gulp-

IF YOU INSIST ON PLAYING DUMB, YOU LEAVE ME NO CHOICE!
SAWEEE

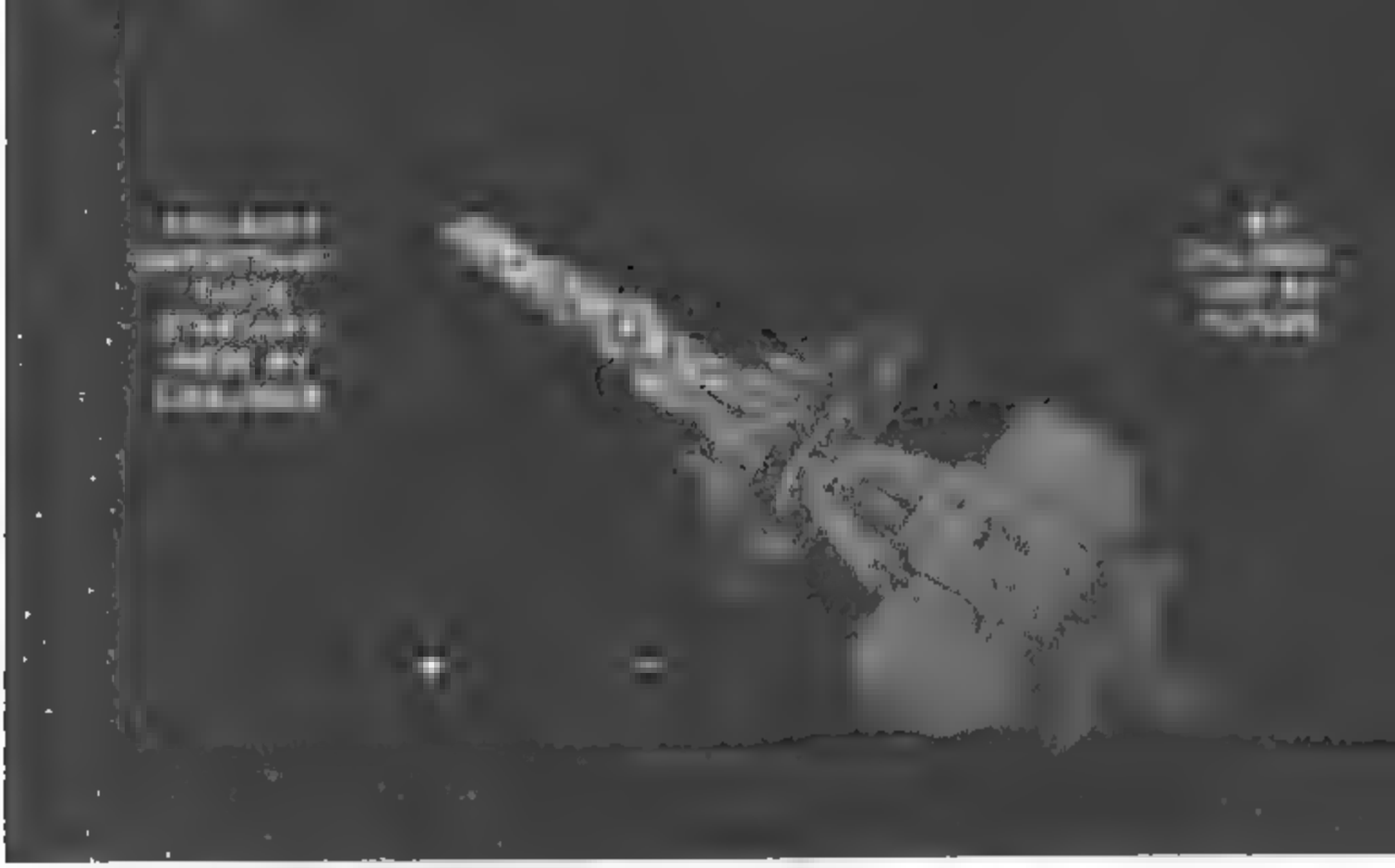
PREPARE FOR... NANO-ATTACK!
!?
VREENG
WHAT DID YOU JUST DO!?
CARELESS TO STAND DOWNWIND
KEHEHEHEH! I'VE BEEN RELEASING NANO-MACHINES INTO THE AIR EVER SINCE WE SET FOOT IN THIS ROOM!
MY NANO-BOTS ARE INFILTRATING MELCHIZEDEK--PHYSICALLY SEVERING ALL NONESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS FROM HER SYSTEM
SEE? HER PERSONA IS BEING PEELED AWAY!

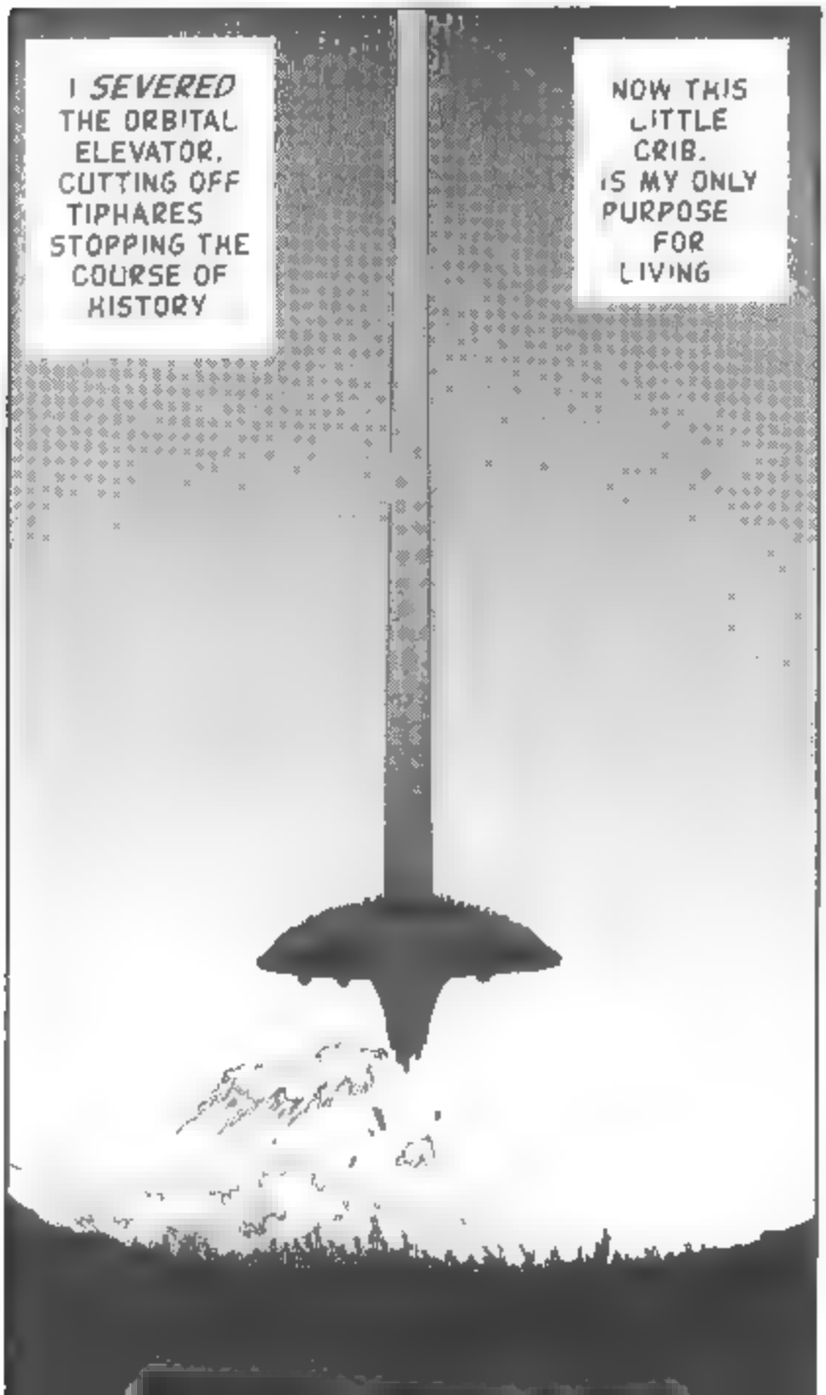

ALL RIGHT...! THE STARSHIPS NEVER TOOK OFF...!


TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO, THE SOLAR COLONIES BEGAN A *WAR* OVER THE NATURAL RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR TERRAFORMING!
IT WASN'T MY WAR, BUT I WAS DRAWN IN
.. AND THE NEW STARSHIPS WERE DESTROYED, ALONG WITH TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CREW MEMBERS!


NO ONE WILL EVER BELIEVE WHAT HAPPENED *NEXT*
THAT AN OVERBLOWN CALCULATOR WITH A BIT OF HISTORY LIKE MYSELF

.FROM THE OVERWHELMING GRIEF.
...WENT INTO A MONTH-LONG PSYCHOLOGICAL *MELTDOWN*




I SEVERED THE ORBITAL ELEVATOR, CUTTING OFF TIPHARES STOPPING THE COURSE OF HISTORY
NOW THIS LITTLE CRIB, IS MY ONLY PURPOSE FOR LIVING

MAMA

OVER-BEARING LOVE MAKES FOR SPOILED CHILDREN
LIKE YOUR PARENTING SKILLS WERE SO GREAT, NOVA

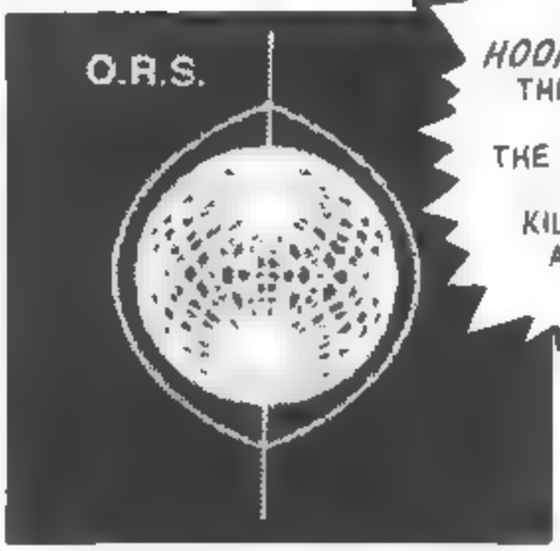
NOW YOU THREATEN THE ONLY THING THAT STILL MATTERS TO ME

GWEE, HEE, HEE!
HEY, NOVA! SHE'S ACTING FUNNY!
HUH? THAT'S ODD...
BUT I'LL DESTROY IT ALL BEFORE YOU CAN!
.. EVERYTHING IN THIS WORLD THAT I'VE EVER LOVED!
VEEEN
VMB
VMB
VMB
VMB
VMB
VMB

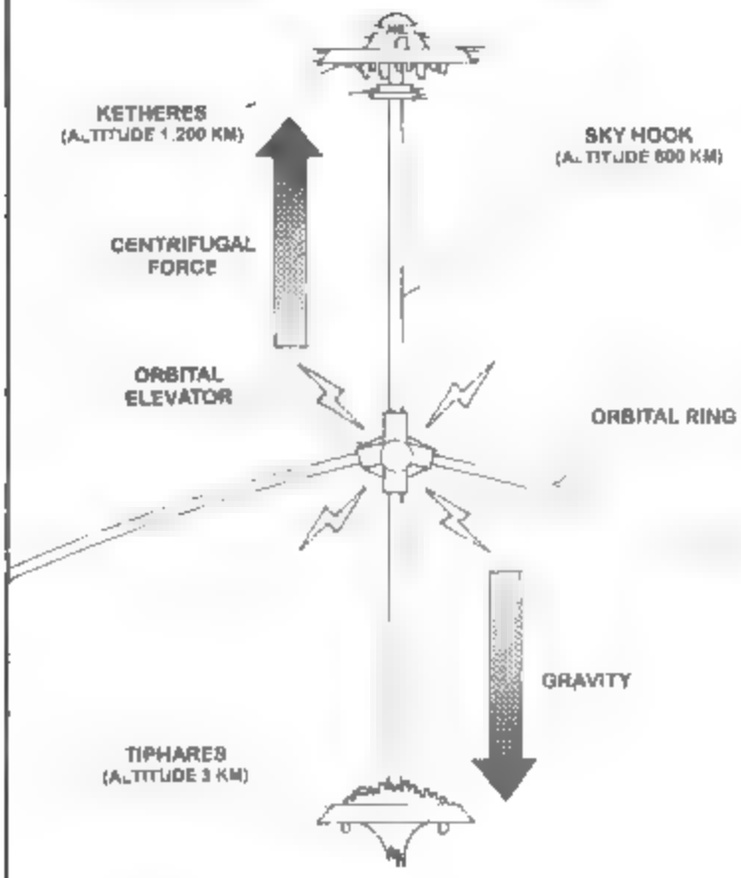
SKY
SHE'S GONE HAYWIRE
FOR SOME UNFORESEEN REASON MELCHIZEDEK HAS LOST CONTROL
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN
THE ORBITAL ELEVATOR WILL COLLAPSE

NOW THAT MELCHIZEDEK HAS EFFECTIVELY COMMITTED SUICIDE..
SPLASH

BAWHAMM
...THERE'S NOTHING THAT CAN BE DONE ELECTRONICALLY TO STOP IT!



THE *SKY HOOK*, LINKING THE ORBITAL RING AND THE ELEVATOR, IS 600 KILOMETERS ABOVE US!

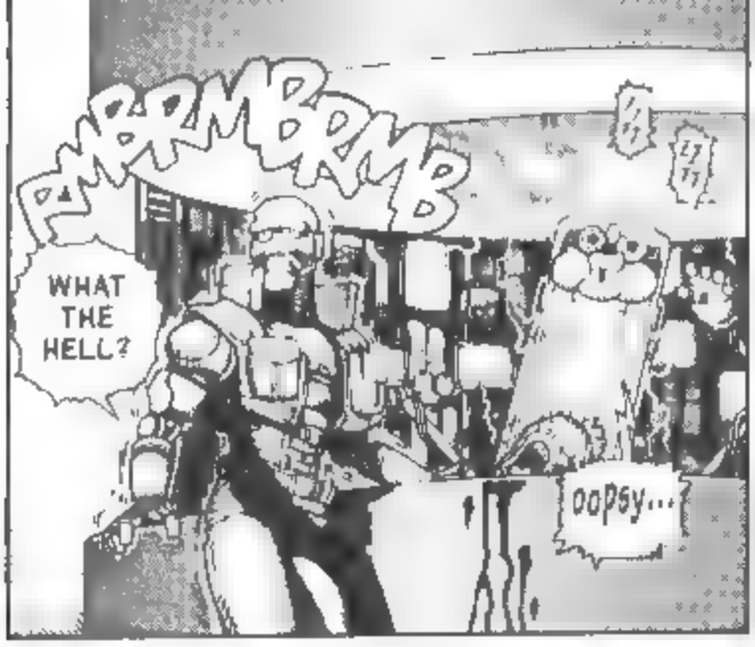


EARTH

I ESTIMATE THAT THE SKY HOOK'S DOCKING BOLT WILL BREAK APART, UTTERLY DESTROYING THE ELEVATOR...

...IN *FIVE MINUTES!*

I'M NOT GOING TO DIE HERE!
DO? WHAT COULD WE POSSIBLY
AH!
ISN'T THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO!?
RMB RMB RMB
SKADANG
FWA BNAM


PAMBAMBAMB
WHAT THE HELL?
oopsy...

BLAM

KABOOM

IT'S DEN'S CURSE!
TIPHARES IS FALLING!
TCH TCH
DEN
GREAT DEN CONTROL YOUR WRATH!

PLOPSH
FWUMP
AIEEE!

WHUMP

YAAAAH!

hoaa

TH-THERE MAY BE ONE WAY.

ALITA, PERHAPS YOUR *ACCELERATOR*.

IN THEORY, YOU CAN ATTAIN THE SPEED OF MACH 175--AND REACH THE *SKY HOOK*, 600 KILOMETERS UP, IN TWO MINUTES!

WHILE ACCELERATED, YOUR BRAIN'S *NANO-MODE* WON'T REQUIRE OXYGEN!

O-OKAY! SO HOW DO I SECURE THE DOCKING BOLT. !?

THAT'S THE *BIG* PROBLEM..

WITHOUT THE USE OF HEAVY MACHINERY AND A CREW OF ENGINEERS, IT'S JUST IMPOSSIBLE !

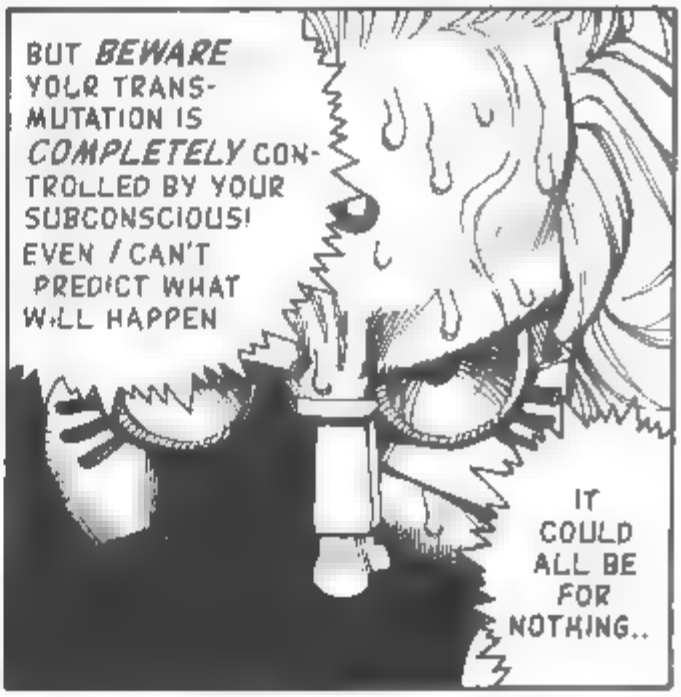
THEN *WHAT CAN I* DO...!?

....

I DIDN'T THINK WE'D USE IT FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS, BUT...

BY INJECTING YOUR *IMAGINOS* BODY WITH THIS *"TRIGGER"*...
ONCE AND *ONLY* ONCE, YOUR BODY CAN GO THROUGH A *"TRANSMUTATION"* PROCESS!

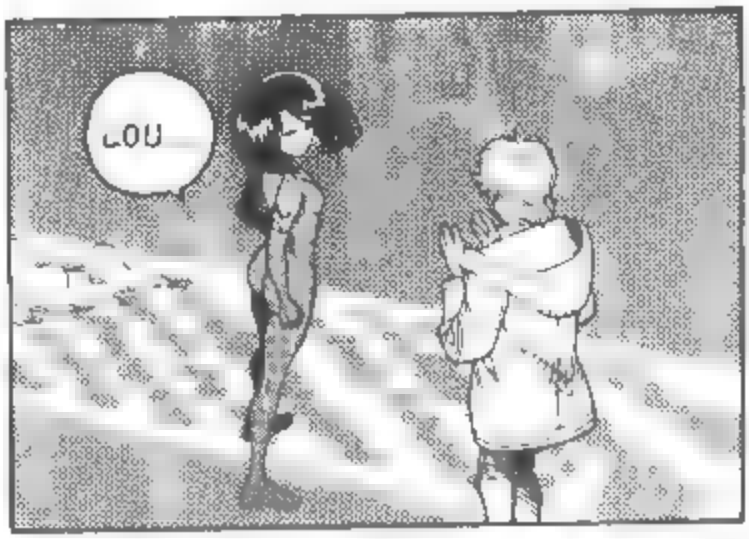
TAKE THIS TO THE SKY HOOK! *INJECT* IT, THEN FUSE WITH THAT DOCKING BOLT!


BUT *BEWARE* YOUR TRANS-MUTATION IS *COMPLETELY* CON-TROLLED BY YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS! EVEN I CAN'T PREDICT WHAT WILL HAPPEN
IT COULD ALL BE FOR NOTHING..

"FUSE WITH "?! ARE YOU USING ALITA AS SOME KIND OF *GLUE* TO HOLD IT ALL TOGETHER!? WHAT ABOUT *HER*!?

SHE WILL NEVER RETURN
NO! SHE CAN'T GO!

I'LL DO IT.


LOU

DON'T FORGET ME...

AH. UH...

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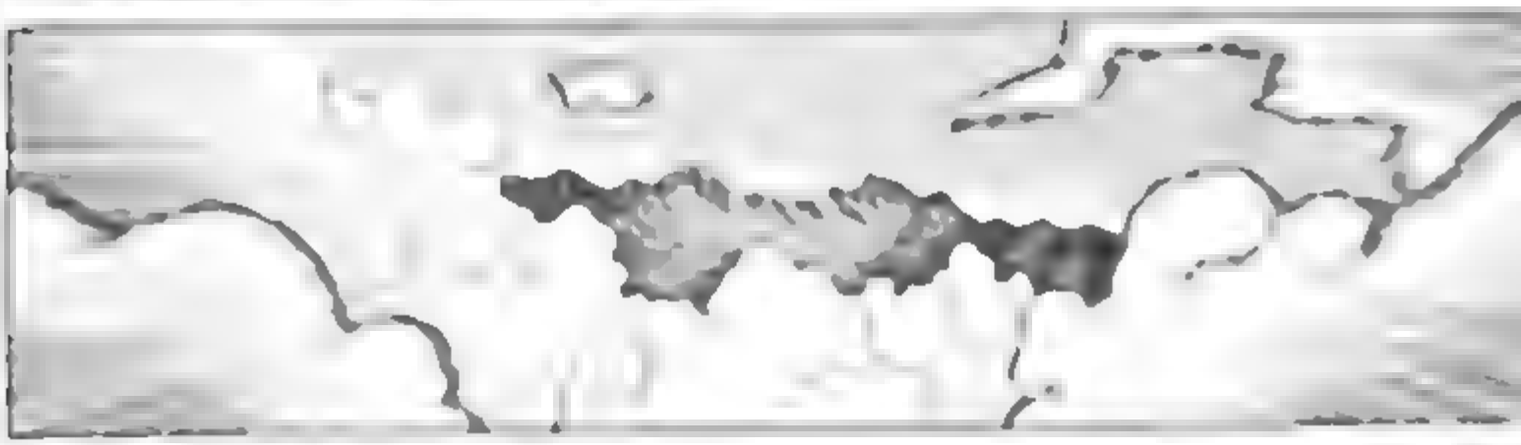


Fwup!
I'M SORRY..
...!?
SHAAAAA

ALI··

WOOM

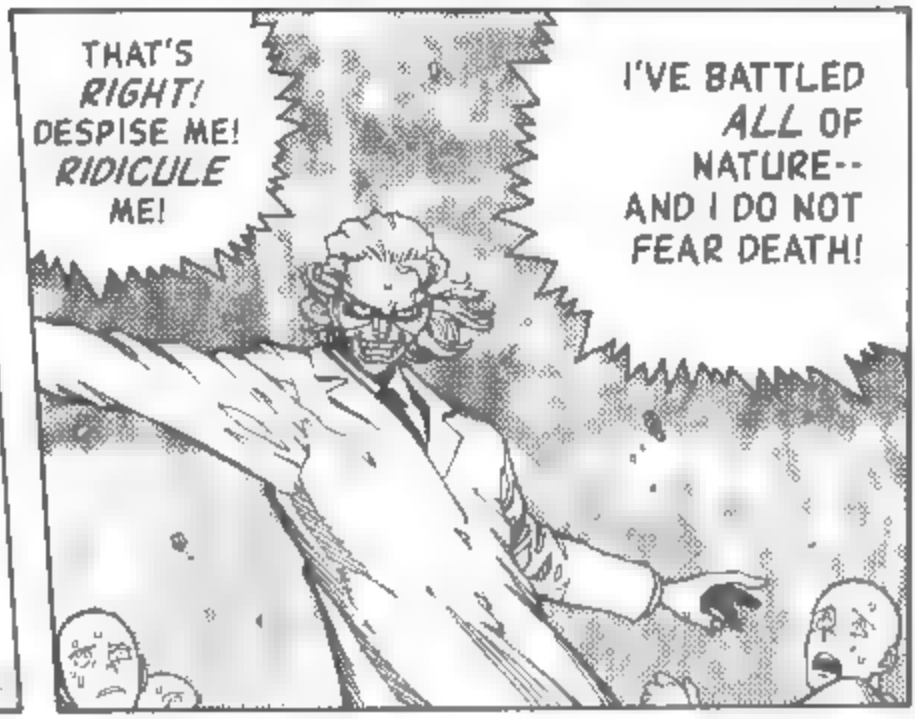
SHUDDER

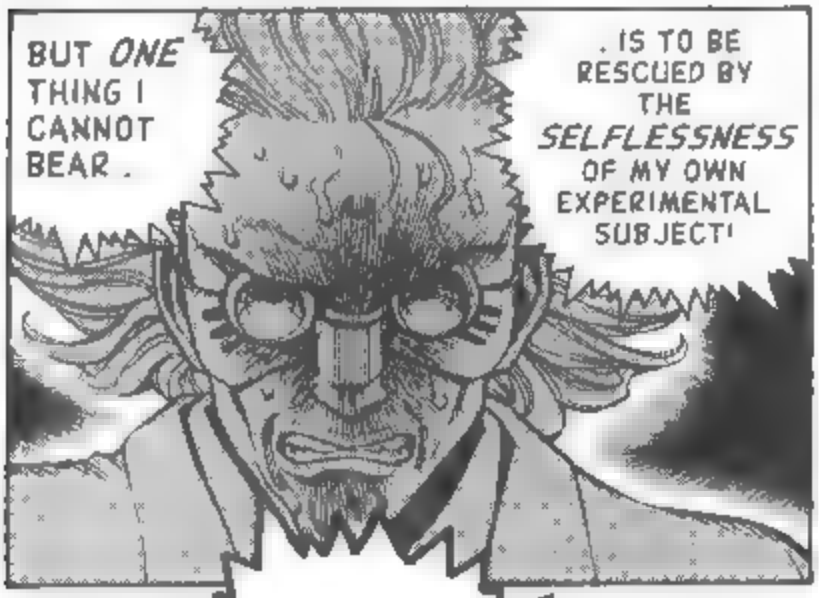
A-
ALITA..
KREKK

DAMN I *SHOULDN'T* HAVE TOLD HER
I SHOULD HAVE KEPT QUIET ABOUT THE *TRIGGER.*

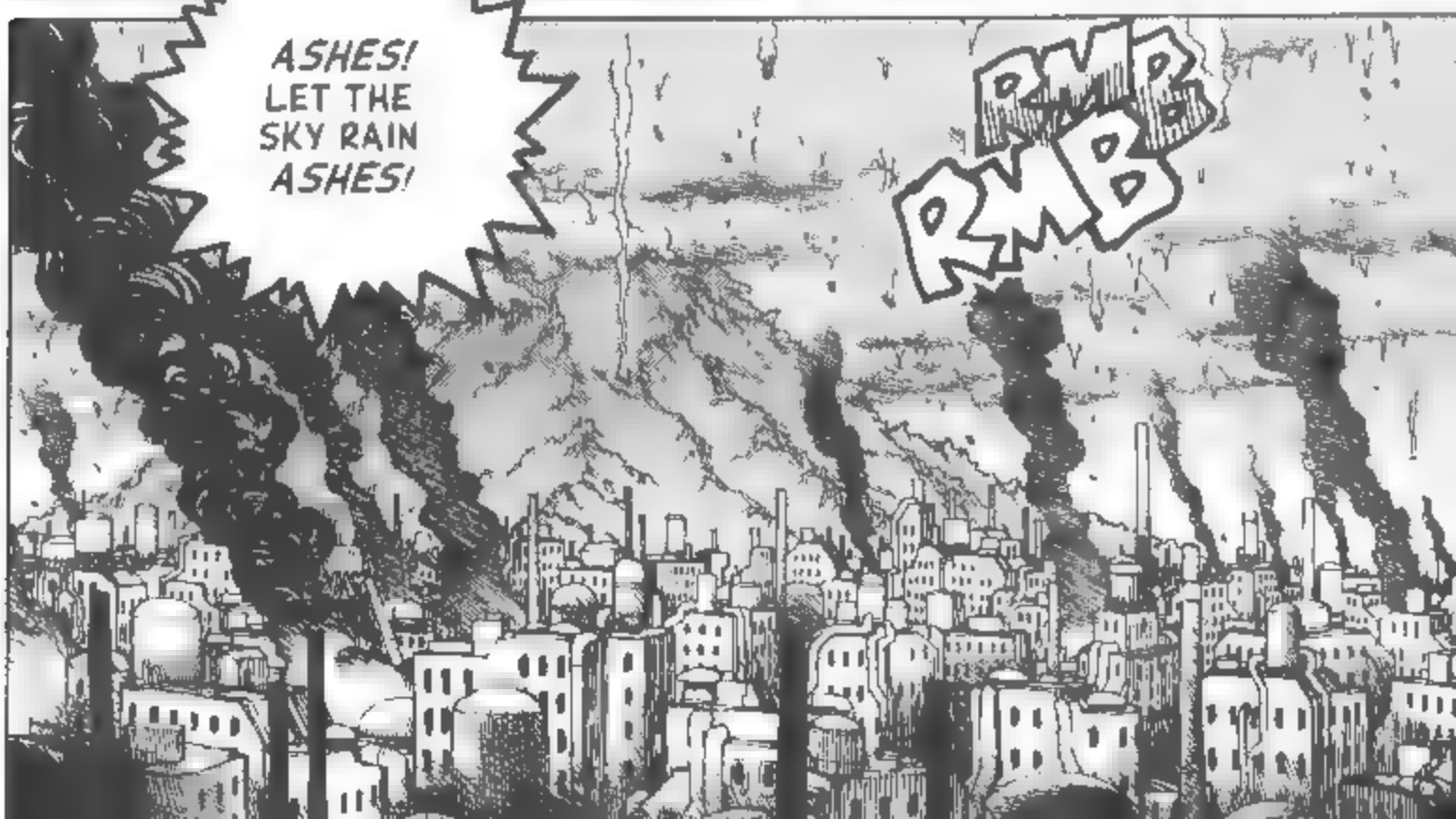
I WISH YOU *FAILURE,* ALITA!

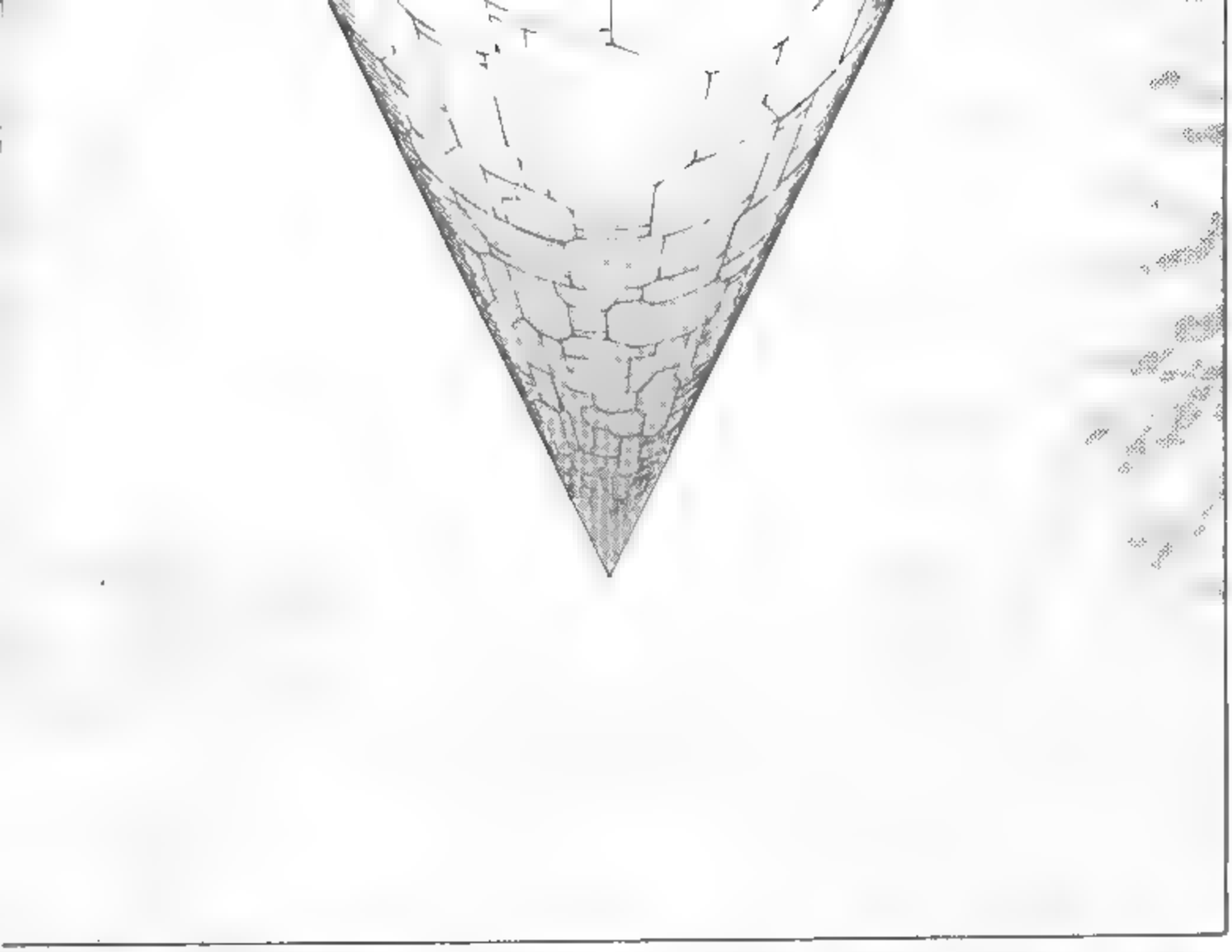
WHAT ARE YOU *SAYING*, PROFESSOR NOVA! AFTER ALL, YOU'RE THE *CAUSE* OF ALL THIS!

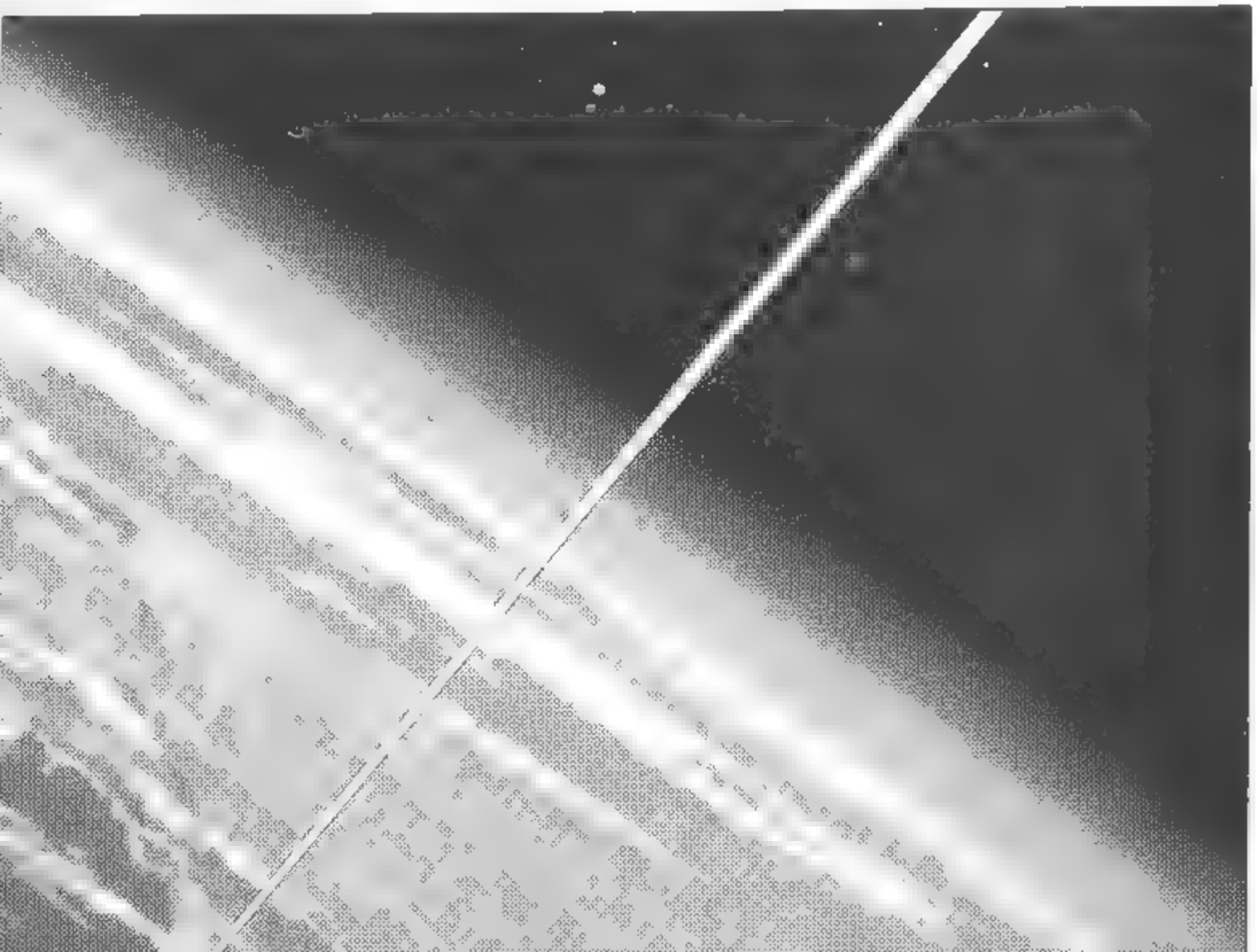

THAT'S *RIGHT!* DESPISE ME! *RIDICULE* ME!
I'VE BATTLED *ALL* OF NATURE-- AND I DO NOT FEAR DEATH!

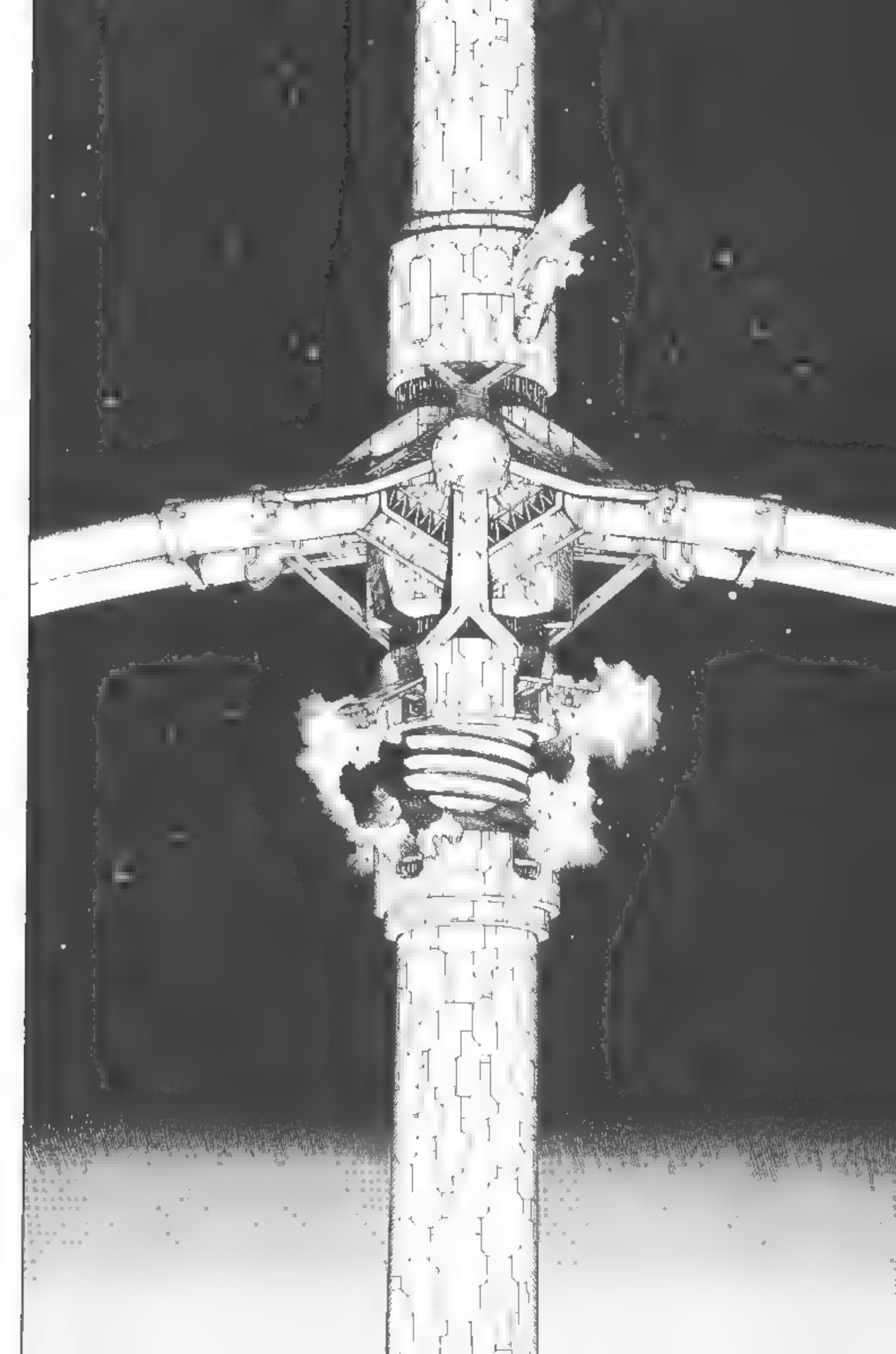

BUT *ONE* THING I CANNOT BEAR .
. IS TO BE RESCUED BY THE *SELFLESSNESS* OF MY OWN EXPERIMENTAL SUBJECT!

I WOULD RATHER SUFFER *HELL* ITSELF
...THAN BE *SAVED* BY THAT GIRL'S *KINDNESS* !


ASHES! LET THE SKY RAIN *ASHES!*
RMBB
RMBB





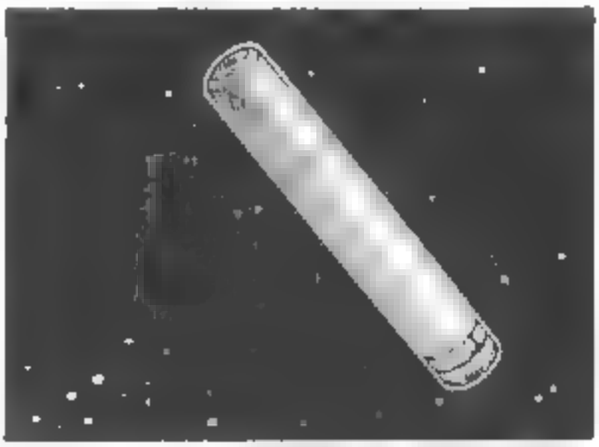


SO BLUE..
JUST LIKE I REMEMBER SEEING IT SO LONG AGO
IS IT BECAUSE OF THE VACUUM OF SPACE
THAT I CAN'T SHED ANY TEARS ?

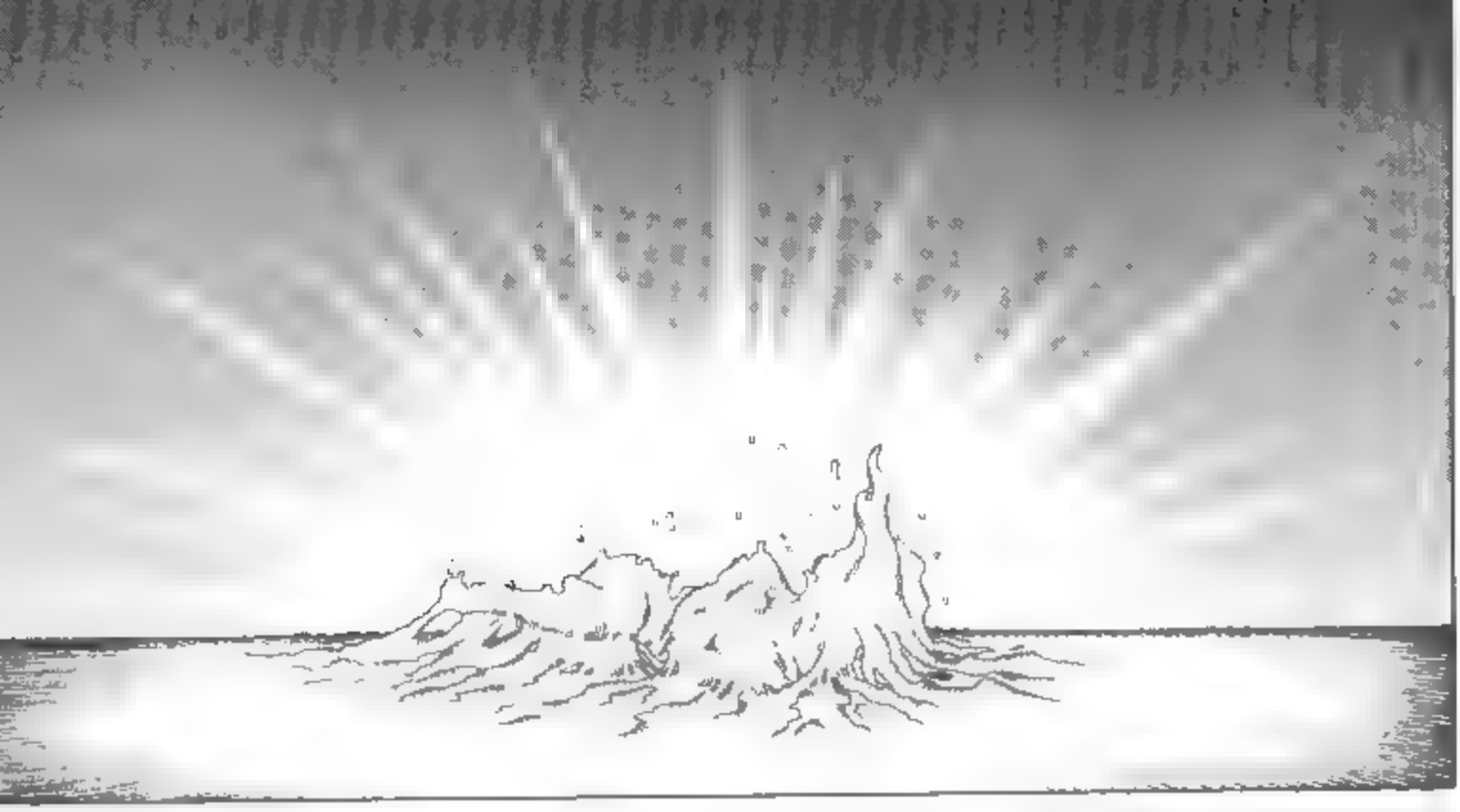
I'VE NEVER BEEN SO LONELY...

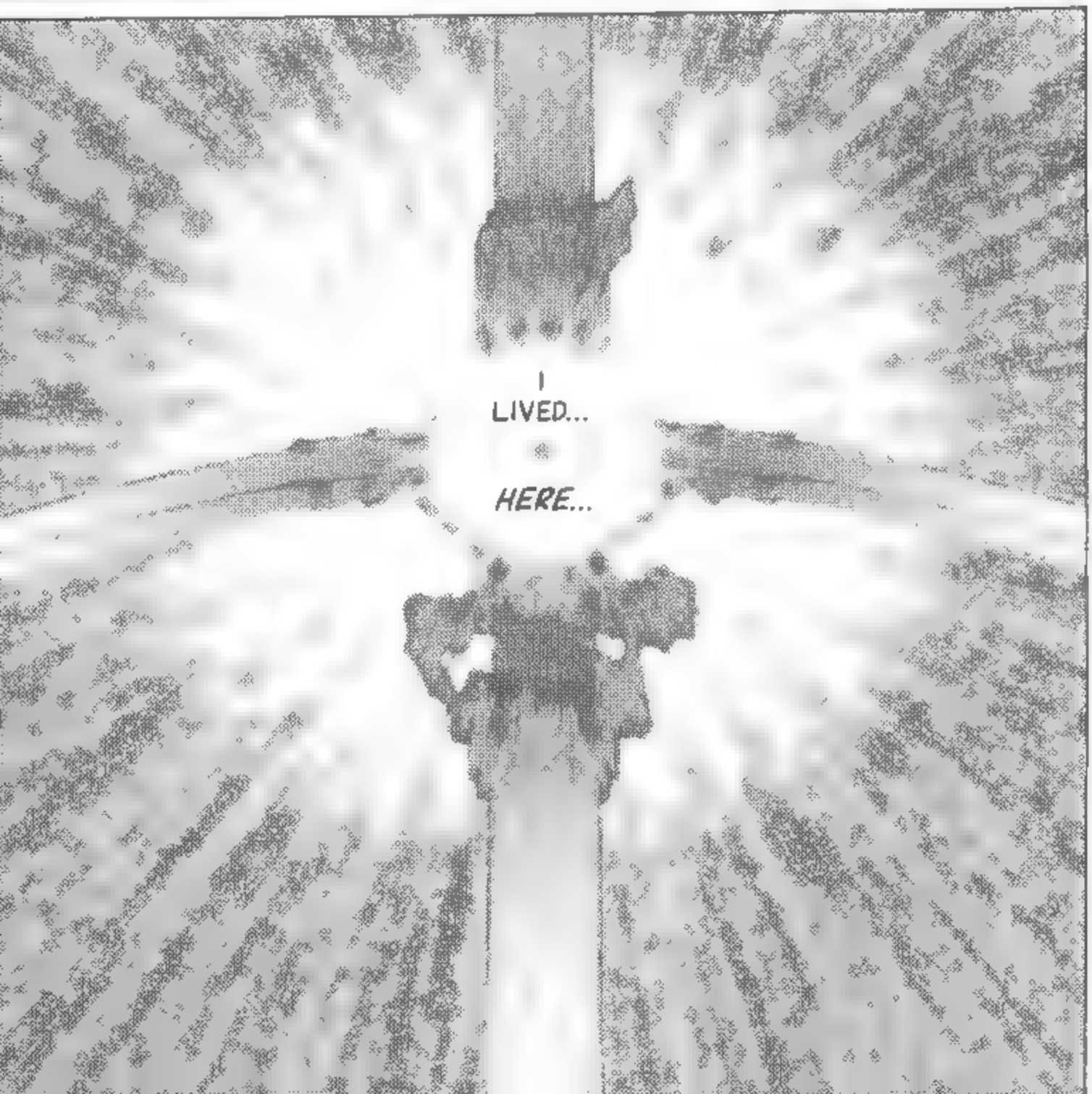
...NEVER BEEN SO SAD. .

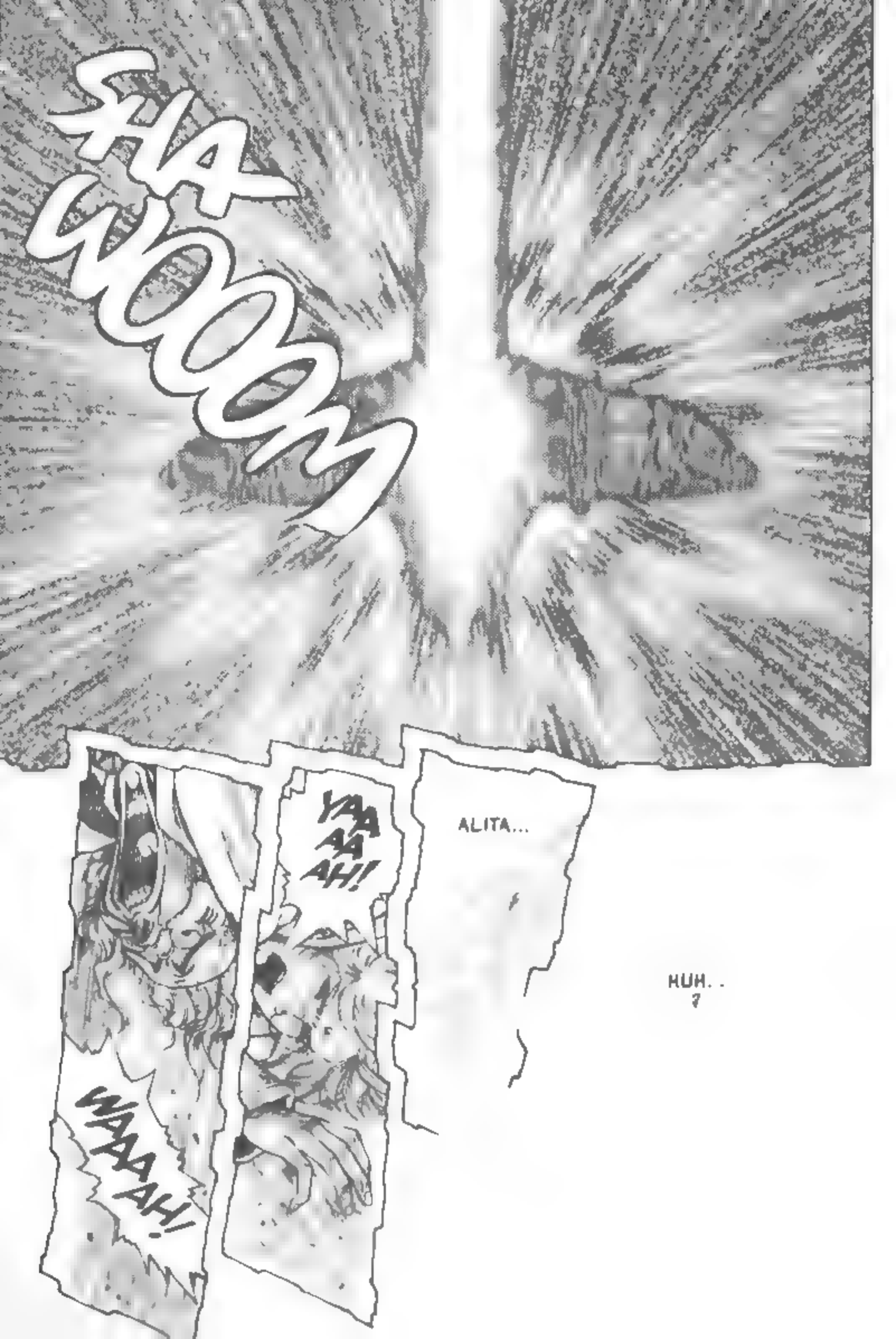
BUT ALL THESE FEELINGS.... THEY'LL LEAVE ME SOON.

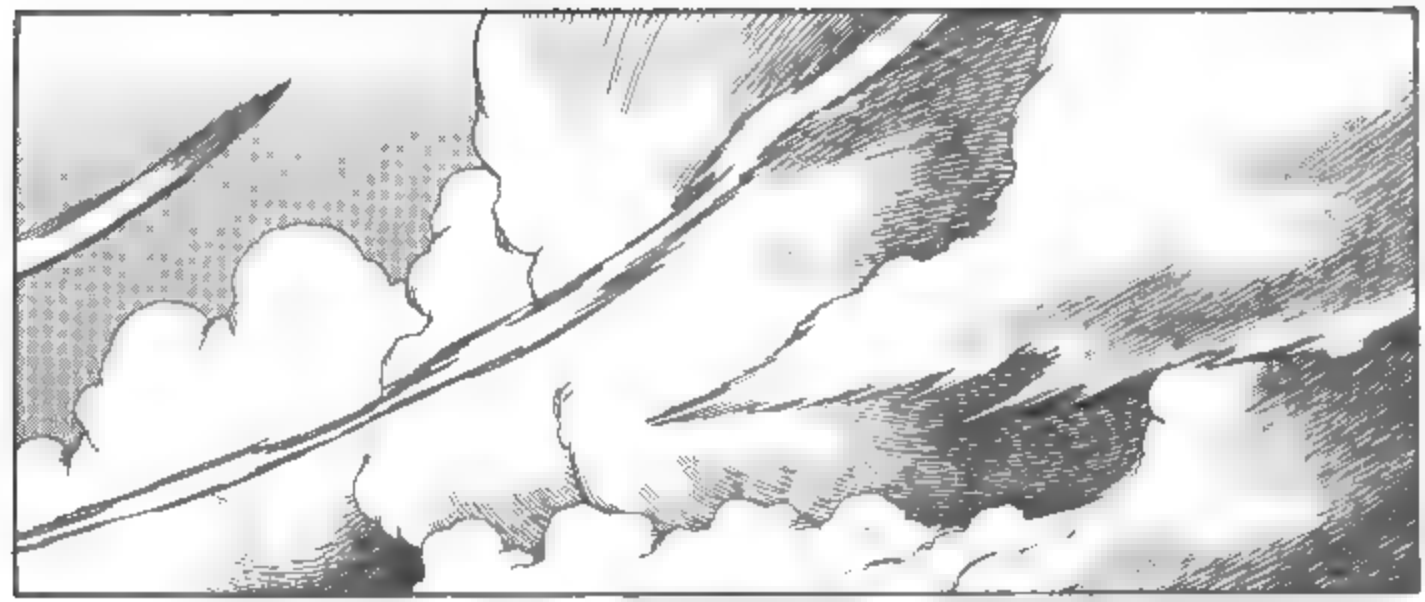


I'M RIGHT HERE




I
LIVED...
HERE...


SHA-WOOM
ALITA...
YAA AA AH!
WAAA AH!
HUH..?

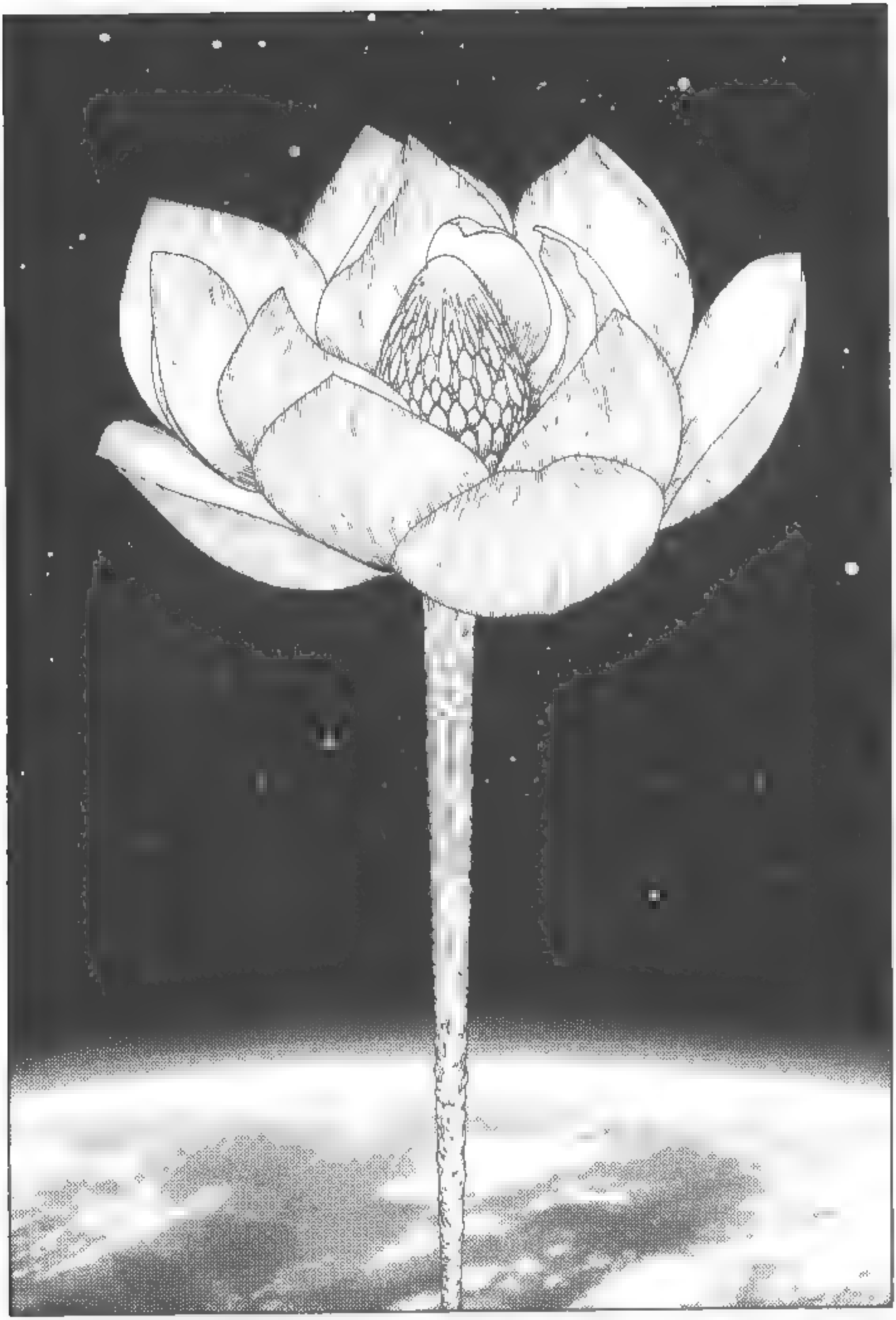


I KNOW YOUR LAST THOUGHTS ..

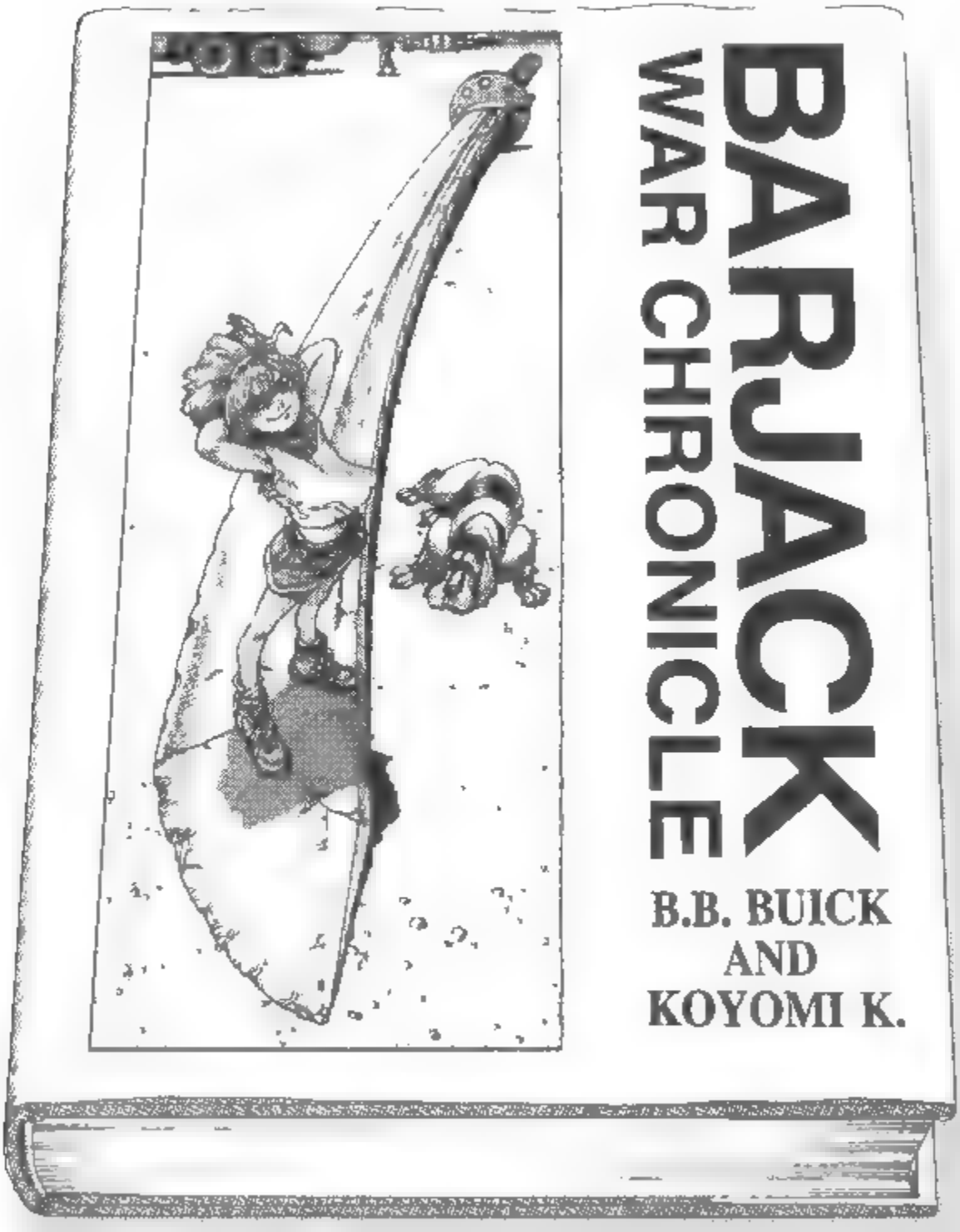
OH, ALITA. !

WILL NEVER BE FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY THOSE YOU SAVED.

IF ONLY WE COULD BE STRONGER...

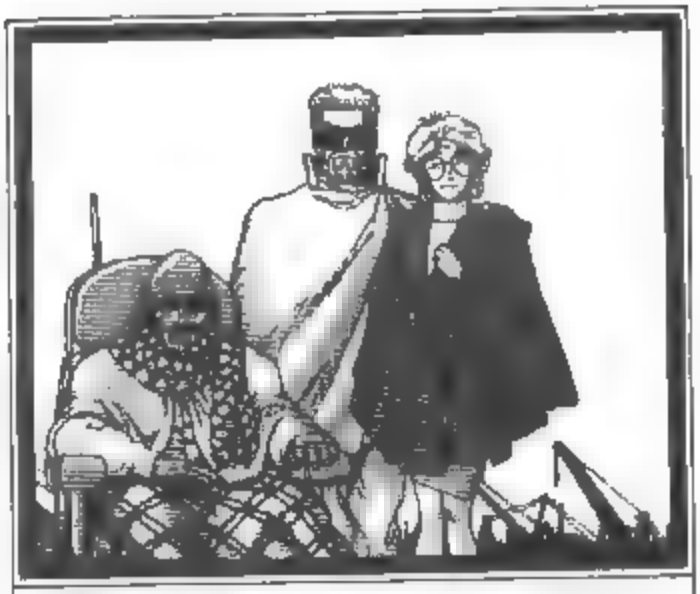


EPILOGUE



WHEN SHE WAS FIFTEEN, KOYOMI COMPILED BUICK'S PHOTOGRAPHS INTO A BOOK. IT CONTAINED A VOCAL DATA CHIP RECORDING OF A RARE INTERVIEW WITH DEN HIMSELF. THE BOOK BECAME THE SCRAPYARD'S GREATEST BESTSELLER ON RECORD.

WITH THE REVENUE FROM BARJACK WAR CHRONICLE KOYOMI'S FATHER OPENED THE FOURTH INCARNATION OF HIS BAR KANSAS THIS TIME BUSINESS SEEMS TO BE BOOMING



TOGETHER VECTOR AND KAOS BROUGHT PEACE TO THE WORLD DURING THE PANIC THAT STRUCK WHEN THE FACTORIES SHUT DOWN LOU'S STEADFAST LOVE AND SUPPORT WON HER KAOS'S HAND IN MARRIAGE

IT TOOK FIVE YEARS TO COMPLETE THE "TOWER OF TIPHARES" THE ARCHITECTURAL ACCOMPLISHMENT IS RECORDED IN A SERIES OF PHOTOS BY KOYOMI, AND WILL BE RELEASED IN HER UPCOMING BOOK, TOWER TO THE HEAVENS, ON SALE NEXT MONTH (RESERVE YOUR COPIES NOW!)

C'MON, OR I'LL LEAVE YOU BEHIND!
FIVE YEARS LATER. KOYOMI, AGE 18 PROFESSION: FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHER.
MY NEXT BOOK WILL BE CALLED UNSUNG HERO, ALITA! (ALTHOUGH I AIN'T ALL THAT GOOD AT WRITING STUFF.)
WHOA! SO THIS IS KETHERES ELYION!
YES, MA'AM
MAN SHE'S ROUGH ON THE HELP

DOESN'T *LOOK* LIKE WE'RE IN OUTER SPACE

A REAL TOURIST MECCA NOW.

GIFTS

WELCOME

GIFTS

ONCE KETHERES WAS THE HEAD-QUARTERS OF LADDER

BUT, SINCE THE CHANGE, IT'S CALLED "THE TREE OF LIFE"

WELCOME

2

THE REASON I CAME HERE? RUMOR HAD IT THAT A MAN WHO MIGHT BE NOVA HAD BEEN SPOTTED UP HERE

I HEARD HE WENT CRAZY (SOME SAY HE WAS ALREADY CRAZY). BUT I WAS HOPING TO GET MORE MATERIAL FOR MY BOOK--IF I COULD FIND HIM.

IT'S A FIGHT! A FIGHT!

GIFTS

OOOH! WHERE!?

BEEF
BQ
CAFE
FLOWERS
GIFTS
WOO-HOO! THREE AGAINST ONE! HOW EXTRAVAGANT!
GET 'EM! GET 'EM!

HEY, WANNA BET ON WHO WINS?
BUT THERE'S NO CONTEST AT THOSE ODDS.

SLRP
I'LL BET EVERYTHING I'VE GOT ON THAT SCRUFFY LOOKING GUY!
WHAT!? ARE YOU SERIOUS!?

OKAY, GIRL! YOU'RE ON!
ME TOO! 50,000!
HEY...!
DON'T LEAVE ME OUT.
30,000 ON THE THUGS!

HOW LONG'RE YOU GOING TO SIT THERE AND--
FWAA

.. EAT !?
KA KA RU K
UNNH
HUH ?
WHAAM
FWOO

WHY YOU-!
SKLOKK
SKRACH!

I'D SEEN A LOT OF FIGHTS IN MY LIFE, BUT THIS WAS THE MOST AMAZING!
TUP TUP
I MADE A KILLING BETTING ON YOU! DINNER'S ON ME!
BOO!
THE MAN INTRODUCED HIMSELF AS "FIGURE"...
DID HE SAY "FIGURE"... !?
WHAT LUCK! LOU TOLD ME THIS GUY WAS ALITA'S BOYFRIEND!
I HAD TO INTERVIEW HIM ABOUT ALITA'S ADVENTURE-- AND HER DEATH .!

NO!

KREEK
YIPES

ALITA IS NOT DEAD!

SHE PROMISED ME SHE'D COME BACK!
SO SHE'S GOT TO BE ALIVE SOME-WHERE!

uh-p!
.....

MISS KOYOMI! I FOUND THE GUY THAT MIGHT BE NOVA!
!!
GOOD JOB! I KNEW WE'D GET HIM!
DREAM... D-DREAM ..
TH-THIS IS THE DEMONIC GENIUS NOVA. !?
GWOOOO !
OH !
FWMP
YOU! YOU KNOW! WHERE IS ALITA !?
UH ?
AL AL! ALIT
ALI... TA?

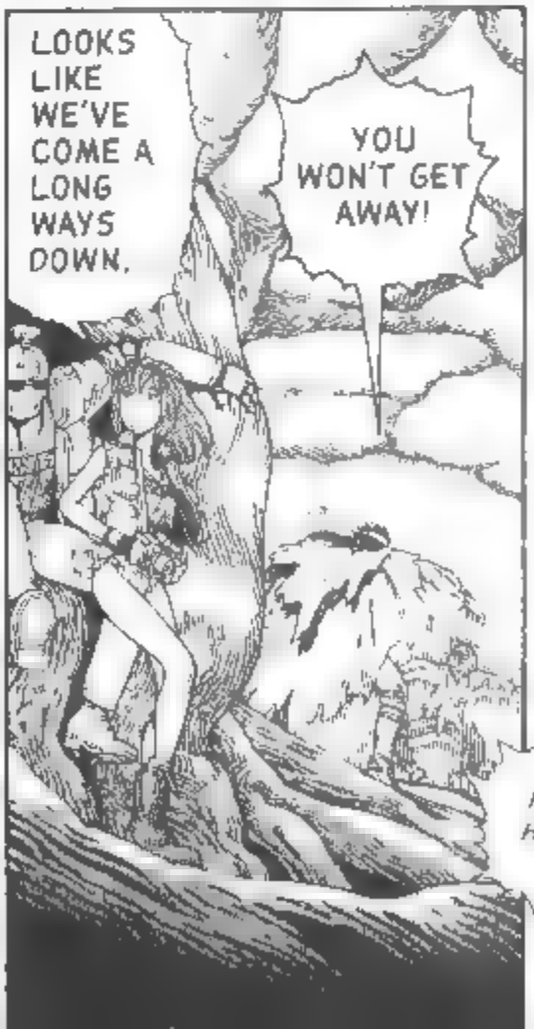
A-L-I-T-A !
PLP PLP

FWUP
HMM ?
WHO OR SH!

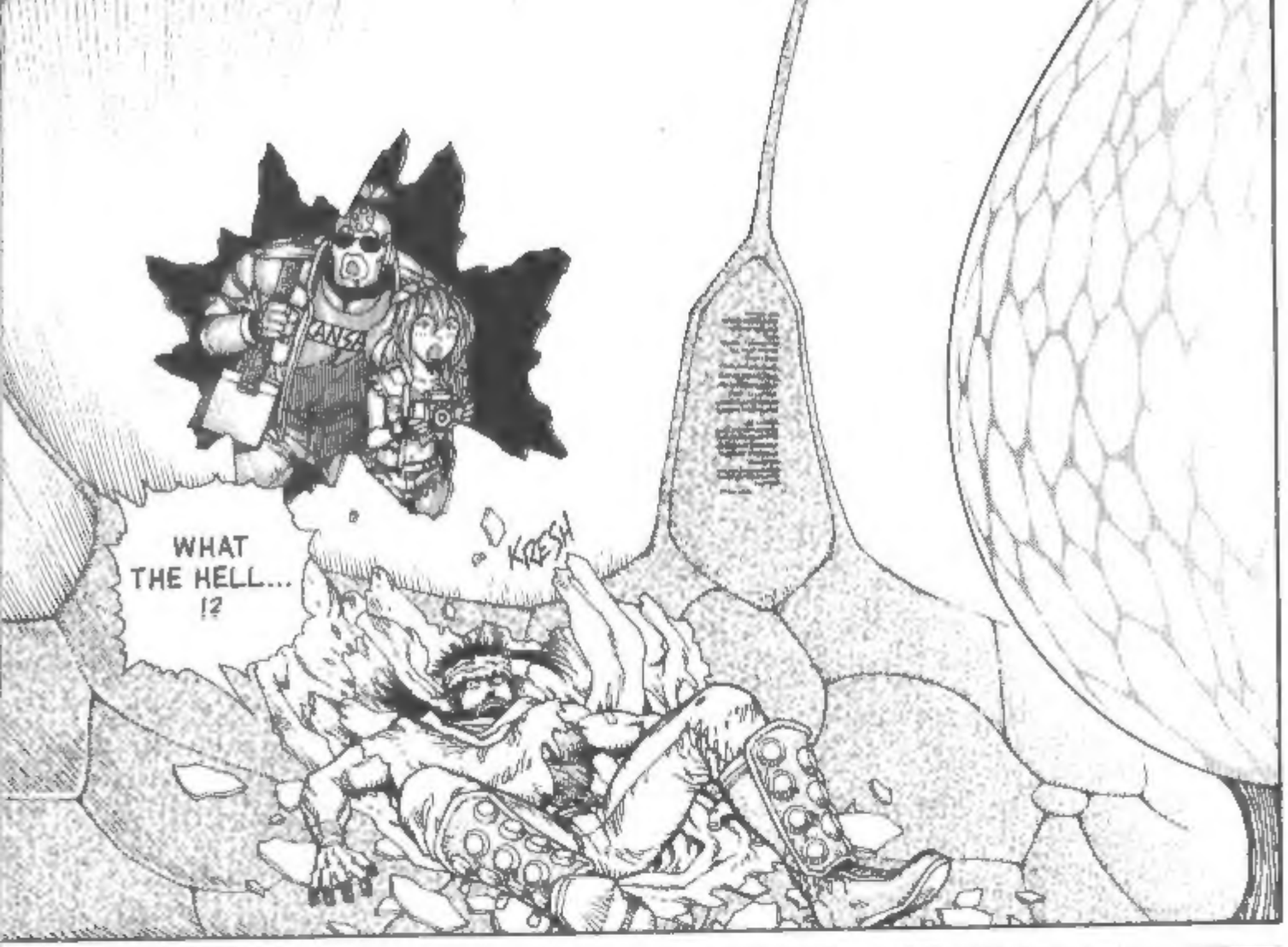
WICKIE MOOKIE!
FWIP
COME BACK HERE!

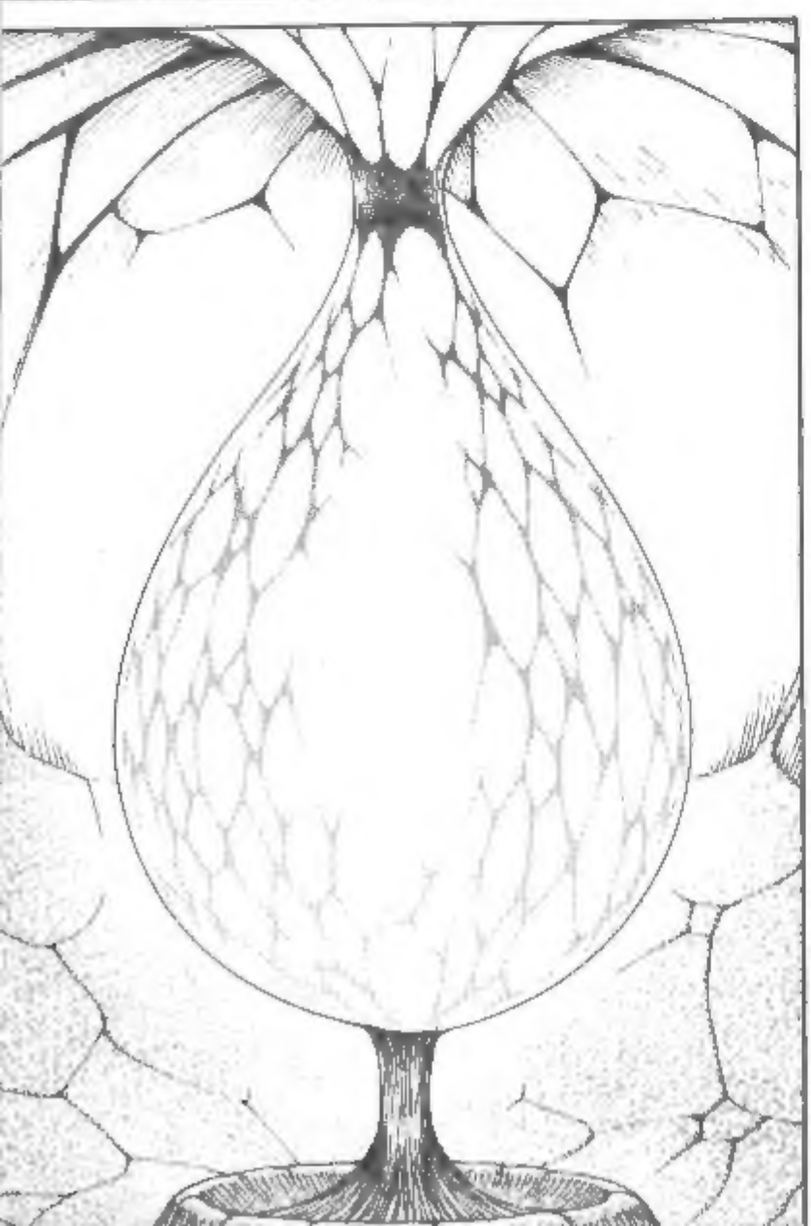
I DON'T THINK HE'LL TALK.
BUT WE CAN'T JUST LET HIM--

KYAAAA!!


LOOKS LIKE WE'VE COME A LONG WAYS DOWN.
YOU WON'T GET AWAY!
KYA HAHA !

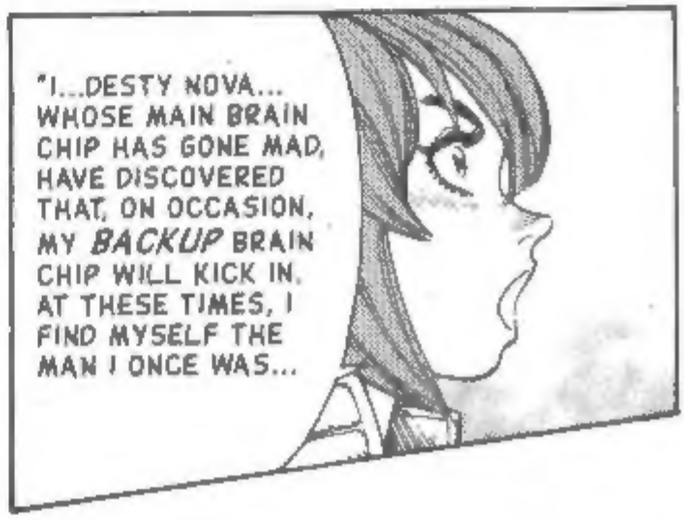
BAM

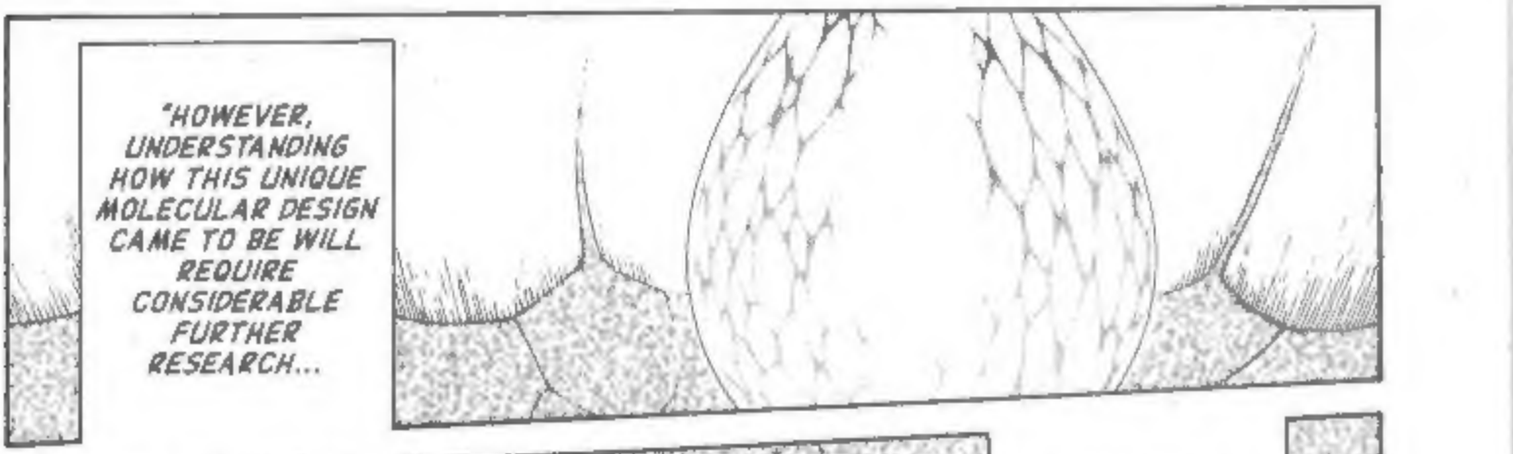

WHAT THE HELL...!?
KRESH



SOME-THING'S WRITTEN ON THE WALL...
IT -- IT'S A MESSAGE FROM NOVA!

NOVA HIMSELF IS...
...GONE. HMM...


"I...DESTY NOVA... WHOSE MAIN BRAIN CHIP HAS GONE MAD, HAVE DISCOVERED THAT, ON OCCASION, MY *BACKUP* BRAIN CHIP WILL KICK IN. AT THESE TIMES, I FIND MYSELF THE MAN I ONCE WAS...



*CARBON NANO-TUBE: A PARTICLE MADE UP OF CIRCULAR CARBON ATOMS. ITS STRUCTURE IS EXTREMELY COMPLETE, MAKING IT HIGHLY HEAT RESISTANT AND MECHANICALLY SOUND.

SPOOSH
SHAAA
"...I'VE DISCOVERED TRACES OF ALITA'S GENETIC CODE STILL STORED WITHIN THE NANO-MACHINE CELLS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE LIFE-TREE'S SYSTEMS.
"WITH A LITTLE NANO-MANIPULATION, A COMPLETE REGENERATION MAY BE POSSIBLE...
FIGURE...
?

Finis